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PART V.

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TOWNSHIP HISTORIES.

CHAPTER I.

THE TOWN OF MARYSVILLE—PARIS TOWNSHIP.

THE original plat of Marysville was laid out in 1819, and the following description thereof is from the records of Delaware County, which then included the site:

"Plat of the town of Marysville, which is situated on Mill Creek, a branch of the West Fork of the Scioto River, in Delaware County, Ohio, which was surveyed and laid out, agreeable to the above plat, for Samuel Culbertson,* Esq., proprietor of said town, as laid out to the cardinal points of the compass. The streets and alleys all at right angles; the lots are five perches in front, or north and south, and eight perches back, or east and west; the lots contain one-fourth part of an acre each, except the fractional lots which join the public square are less; the streets are all four perches wide except the two streets running north and south, one of which being on the east side of the public square and the other on the west side, are thirty-three feet wide each; the alleys are all sixteen and one-half feet wide each, all of which is fully delineated on the above plat.

"August 10, A. D. 1819. CHARLES ROBERTS, Surveyor."

The lots in this plat were numbered from one to ninety-six; the public square was in the shape of a diamond. The land included in this plat is a part of Edward Dowse's Survey No. 3351, surveyed for him in 1798, by Nathaniel Massie, D. S., on certain military warrants held by Dowse. Stephens Thomson Mason, of Loudoun County, Va., purchased the warrants and received a patent from the United States Government May 7, 1800, for the whole survey, 1087 acres, "situate, lying and being between the Little Miami and Scioto Rivers, northwest of the River Ohio." March 21, 1801, Mason sold it to Joseph Scott, of Philadelphia, for five shillings, and the latter, on the 22d of September in the same year, disposed of it to Francis Bailey, of Lancaster County, Penn., for the sum of $187. Bailey, who owned a printing establishment in Philadelphia, on the 15th of March, 1813, conveyed the land to Margaret Bailey, "a single woman," for $1. July 10, 1817, Miss Bailey sold the west one-third part of her purchase to Samuel W. Culbertson, also for $1. By this Mr. Culbertson became the owner of what a subsequent survey proved to be 450 acres of land. It is thus described in the deed to him: "Beginning on the bank of Mill Creek, in Delaware County, Ohio, above where the present road passes from Delaware to Urbana, at two sugar trees and lyn, the northwest corner Edward Dowse's Survey No. 3351; thence seventy and one-half east 152 poles to a hickory, sugar tree and ash in the line of said Dowse's survey, at one-third of the whole distance—456 poles; thence south ten east 436 poles to a post in the south boundary of said Dowse's survey, crossing the creek at 180 poles; thence south eighty west 152 poles with said south boundary to a large white oak and three sugar trees southwest corner to said Dowse's survey; thence north ten west 436 poles along the west boundary of said Dowse's survey, crossing the creek to the beginning."

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*This gentleman's name was Samuel W. Culbertson.

Culbertson lived at Zanesville, Ohio. June 28, 1820, his wife, Mary* Culbertson, granted him a power of attorney to convey for her the interest she owned in any lands in Union County which he wished to sell. July 25, 1822, the following power of attorney was granted by Culbertson and wife to Silas G. Strong, of Marysville:

"*Know all men by these presents*, That we, Samuel W. Culbertson, and Nancy, his wife, for divers good causes and considerations us thereunto moving, and the sum of one dollar to us in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do and by these presents have nominated, constituted and appointed Silas G. Strong, of Marysville, our true and lawful attorney in fact, for us and in our names, to sell any and every inlot in Marysville, as laid out by Samuel W. Culbertson, beginning with lot number one and taking every odd lot progressively as high as lot number ninety-six, the even lots having been already disposed of; and lots numbers one, three, forty-five, fifty-one, he is to be restricted to the prices as marked on the plat this day furnished him, subscribed by S. W. Culbertson; the lots to be sold for one-fourth in hand and the residue within three years from the date, with interest from the sale; when the sale is made, our attorney to give to the purchaser a title bond in our names, to bind us to make a complete legal title to the purchaser on the payment of the whole purchase-money to him or us; he is also to make and give leases for small outlots for improvements, until outlots are laid out for sale, at which time the leases are to be void on the *leasee* being paid for his improvement. All our attorney's acts done by him agreeable to this power are to be done by him in our names, which he is to subscribe until this power is revoked by us; and we do hereby obligate ourselves to ratify and confirm whatever our said attorney may do by virtue of this our authority, as witness our hands and seals at Marysville this 25th day of July, 1822.

"Samuel W. Culbertson. [seal.]
"Nancy Culbertson. [seal.]

"Witnesses present:
"David Comer.
"Neil Gunn."

Mr. Strong received like documents from other non-resident property holders, to sell or lease land for them, and was a man of extensive business for those days.

Marysville having been fixed upon as the seat of justice for the county of Union, David Comer was, on the 10th of July, 1820, appointed Director of said town, with Thomas McDonald and George Harris as his bondsmen. On the day following it was "*Ordered by the Court*, That David Comer, the Director of the town of Marysville, be governed in his proceedings by the following rules, to-wit: That he select the grounds and lots; that he receive deeds for the county; that he sell the lots at public sale, giving first thirty days' notice in the neighboring papers; that he sell for one-tenth in hand and the balance in four equal annual payments; that he lay out the land in lots (either in or out lots as the ground may best suit); that he make any alterations in laying out the town which Culbertson and himself may think expedient; that he take bond, with security, from purchasers. After the public sale he may sell at private sale, and clear off the ground before the sales and make such other improvements as may be advantageous to the county."

April 18, 1821, a plat of Marysville was placed on record in Union County, having a total of 144 lots; this was laid out by Mr. Comer, as Director, the lots from 98 to 144, inclusive, having been donated by Mr. Culbertson for the use of the county. The space between Center and North streets, extending east the width of one lot beyond Water street, was called "Military Square," and has since been laid out into lots. It was 43 poles and 4 links east and west, by 28 poles north and south, and contained 7 acres 47 poles and 9 links. Culbertson and his wife, upon the establishment of the seat of justice at Marysville, deeded to David Comer, in trust for the county, all the even-numbered lots in the original plat and the 24 acres adjoining on the east, in which were the 48 additional lots and the Military Square. This deed, dated December 16, 1820, was made in order that the Commissioners might be enabled to erect public buildings at Marysville. The Military Square was laid out into lots June 29, 1825 ; eight outlots had been platted for Mr. Culbertson, west of the original town, by Silas G. Strong, surveyor, November 3, 1823.

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* The name appears as *Mary* but once; in all other places it is given as Nancy, which was probably the true name.

In 1824, David Comer resigned as Director, and on the 27th of September, in that year, the court appointed Stephen McLain in his place, and he entered into bonds, with David Comer and Richard Gabriel as securities. Comer died in 1825, and his last will and testament was admitted to probate on the 27th of June, in that year. He had, before his resignation, sold for the county the following lots in Marysville :

No. 4, to George Harris, April 20, 1821, price, $81.
No. 28, to Matthias Collins, May 21, 1821, price. $75.0625.
No. 26, to Matthias Collins, June 29, 1821, price, $55.
No. 58, to Philip Jarboe, June 29, 1821, price. $96.
No. 70, to Thomas Collins, December 3, 1822, price, $54.
No. 38, to T. L. Woods and Stephen McLain, September 27, 1824, price, $1.

Stephen McLain, while acting in the capacity of Director, sold lots in the town as follows :

Nos. 8, 86, 99, 102, to Thomas Osborn, April 2, 1825, price, $15.125.
No. 20, to Matthias Collins, November 25, 1824, price, $1.
No. 16, to Daniel Miller, November 5, 1824, price, $60.0625.
Nos. 129, 136, 137, 144, to Levi Phelps, May 10, 1825, price, $10.
No. 76, to Leonard Kirkwood, July 16, 1825, price, $1.
Nos. 2, 7, 10, 15, in Military Square, to James P. Crawford, September 29, 1825, price, $100.
Nos. 12, 30, 42, 80, and 3, 6, 11, 14, on Military Square, to Silas G. Strong, September 29, 1825, price, $100.
No. 94, to Pierce Lanphere, May 1, 1826, price, $10.
No. 82, to Leonard Kirkwood, May 29, 1826, price, $5.
Nos. 113, 120, 121, 128, 103, 106, 62, 116, 117, 124, 125, 60, 72, to David Witter, February 18, 1826, price, $100.
No. 84, to John N. Conkelon, June 30, 1826, price, $10.
No. 72, to Daniel Miller, November 17, 1826, price, $1.
Nos. 114, 119, 122, 127, to Daniel Miller, January 2, 1827, price, $25.
No. 78, to Adam Wolford, November 17, 1826, price, $10.
No. 90, to Adam Wolford, March 21, 1827, price, $10.
No. 44, to Hezekiah Bates, May 19, 1827, price, $1.
Nos. 32, 14, 10, 129, 136, 137, 144, to Levi Phelps. July 26, 1827, price, $100.
Nos. 34, 97, 98, to John R. McLain, December 17, 1827, price, $37.75.
No. 22, to Silas G. Strong, June 4, 1828, price. $69.
No. 143, to Sampson Hubbell, June 20, 1829, price, $4.
Nos. 100, 101, 108, 109, to William Gregg, June 22, 1829, price, $6.
Nos. 18, 66, 92, 115, 118, 123, 126, 131, 134, 139, 142, to Thomas Collins, October 19, 1829, price, $31.
No. 54, to William Edgar, September 15, 1829, price, $20.
No. 110, to Robert Miller, June 22, 1829, price. $3.
No. 64, to John R. McLain, February 24, 1830, price, $35.
Nos. 56, 68, to Cyprian Lee, May 10, 1828, price, $6.
Nos. 4, 5, 12 and 13, on Military Square, to Matthias Collins, March 30, 1825, price, $7.
No. 2, to Levi Phelps, July 20, 1829, price, $2.
No. 48, to Alexander Pollock, October 26, 1830, price, $5.
Nos. 1, 8, 9 and 16, on Military Square, to Matthias Collins, January 28, 1831, price, $30.

Nos. 135, 138, to William Wells, May 7, 1830, price, $8.

No. 96, to George Sager, September 15, 1829, price, $10.

No. 112, to Silas G. Strong, November 6, 1828, price, $8.

No. 111, to Silas G. Strong, October 10, 1833, price, $10.

No. 74, to William H. Spear, October 29, 1833, price, $5.

No. 88, to John R. McLain, February 28, 1834, price, $6.

No. 6, to Ransom Clark, January 23, 1834, price, $6.

Nos. 132, 133, 140, 141, to Thomas Snodgrass, February 28, 1834, price, $8.

No. 130, to Elisha Adamson, John R. McLain, Samuel B. Johnson, Directors of School District No. 1, March 30, 1835, price, $5.

Mr. Culbertson sold the following, making deeds of a number of them after he had conveyed to his son-in-law, Joshua Mathiot, the entire 450 acres, except such lots as had been already sold or contracted for, the transfer occurring April 10, 1828:

No. 33, to John Leeper, May 27, 1826, price, $1.

No. 45, to James Taylor, May 23, 1826, price, $150.

Outlot No. 2, to Silas G. Strong, May 27, 1826, price, $50.

Outlot No. 8, to Levi Phelps, July 15, 1828, price, $50.

No. 39, to David Witter, November 8, 1828, price, $50.

Outlot No. 1, to Stephen McLain, November 26, 1829, price, $50.

Outlot No. 4, to Adam Wolford, February 4, 1830, price, $50.

July 2, 1828, Mathiot granted Silas G. Strong power of attorney * to sell for him any lots owned by said Mathiot in Marysville, or to lease or rent any farm lands on the balance of the 450 acres. He stipulated that Lots 1, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 25, 27, 61 and 83 should be sold for not less than $20 each; Lots 3, 23, 49, 65, 67, 71, 79, 81, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93 and 95, at not less than $25 each; Lots 53, 55, 59, 73 and 75, no less than $40 each; Lots 21 and 69, no less than $70 each; Lot 47, no less than $100; Lot 51, no less than $125; outlots at not less than $50 each. Mathiot and his wife, who at the time resided in Licking County, Ohio, sold lots as follows, per Strong:

Nos. 3, 11, to Levi Phelps, January 2, 1830, price, $25.

Nos. 53, 55, to William Campbell, January 12, 1832, price, $80.

No. 27, to Samuel B. Johnson, January 12, 1832, price, $100.

Part of No. 51, to Silas G. Strong, September 29, 1832, price, $63.

Part of No. 51, to Cyprian Lee, June 17, 1833, price, $87.

Outlot No. 3, to James January, January 12, 1832, price, $50.

No. 47, to Enos Ward, January 12, 1832, price, $100.

Undivided one-half No. 45, to Luther M. Davis, March 1, 1834, price, $140.

Nos 29, 41, to Hezekiah Bates, March 21, 1834, price, $100.

Outlots Nos. 5, 6, to William Ward, March 26, 1834, price, $100.

No. 57, to Harvey Ward, March 14, 1835, price, $150.

Nos. 69, 77, to Cyprian Lee, March 23, 1837, price, $100.

No. 91, to Adam Wolford, March 23, 1837, price, $40.

No. 75, to Ira Wood, March 23, 1837, price, $65.

No. 15, to Christian Gaul, March 14, 1835, price, $125.

No. 63, to Calvin Winget, March 23, 1837, price, $100.

No. 81, to Levi Antrim, March 23, 1837, price, $48.

Nos. 73, 85, to Alexander Pollock, December 29, 1838, price, $150.

Nos. 83, 95, to William Snodgrass, December 29, 1838, price, $100.

No. 59, to Silas G. Strong, March 23, 1837, price, $72.

Nos. 5, 17, to Ransom Clark, December 29, 1838, price, $62.50.

No. 69, to Robson L. Broome, December 14, 1833, price, $100.

No. 37, to Mains Wason, January 7, 1841, price, $37.50.

No. 71, to James H. Gill, January 11, 1841, price, $60.

No. 49, to Henry Kezartee, July 26, 1843, price, $60.

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* This power of attorney was revoked April 8, 1830, but renewed the same day.

No. 61, to Robson L. Broome, July 26, 1843, price, $36.

No. 79, to Robson L. Broome, July 26, 1843, price, $60.

No. 87, to William H. Frank, April, 6, 1848, $75.

No. 93, to William L. Gibson, April 6, 1848, price, $40.

Outlot No. 7, to William H. Skinner,* April 15, 1851, price, $124.

April 12, 1851, Joshua Mathiot's widow sold to John Cassil her dower estate in Survey 3,351, described in a deed bearing that date. The administrators subsequently sold a number of lots in Mathiot's addition. In March, 1849, the Commissioners ordered a re-numbering of the lots in Marysville, in compliance with an act of the Legislature passed February 2, 1848, and the Auditor and Recorder performed the work, making a few changes from the original numbering. The following additions have been made to the town, aside from those already mentioned:

Western Addition—By Henry Shedd, ten lots, surveyed by William B. Irwin, July 6, 1847.

Mathiot's Addition—April 16, 1851, lots added from 172 to 221, inclusive, and several outlots, principally south of original town, but extending a little to the east thereof.

John Cassil's Addition—Nineteen lots and eight outlots, north of original town, November 25, 1854.

D. D. Welsh's Addition—Eleven lots, January 2, 1855.

William Welsh's Addition of Outlots—January 3, 1855.

William E. Lee's Addition—Fourteen lots, January 17, 1855.

A. L. Skinner's Addition—Five Lots, September 25, 1855.

Samuel C. Lee's Addition—Thirty-eight lots, south of railroad, on East and Military streets, August 16, 1864.

The Picket Addition—Twelve lots, between Center and North streets and west of Cottage street, June 13, 1865, by John Cassil, agent and attorney for G. A. and Emily H. Cassil.

S. W. Dolbear's Addition—Seven lots, April 7, 1866.

Charles Erb's Addition of Outlots—August 29, 1868.

Brown & Mowry's Addition—By Thomas Brown and A. S. Mowry, February 14, 1871, ten lots east of Vine, between Center and North streets.

William C. Barnett's Addition—Fourteen lots, between Water and Military streets, south of railroad, May 6, 1873.

Robinson's Addition—By James W. and William H. Robinson, seventy-three lots, including two outlots, in southwest part of town, December 10, 1873.

Reed's Addition—By Margaret F. Reed and Samuel L. Reed, her husband, four lots on Weaver street, February 20, 1875.

Southwick's Addition—Weaver and Center streets (east of Weaver and south of Center, crossing South street), by E. R. Southwick, May 18, 1876.

Freshwater's Addition—Between Vine and Water streets, and between Center street and the railroad, by William Burns, executor of will of William Freshwater, March 2, 1880.

Robb's Addition—South of Center street, west of Kenton avenue, by William H. Robb, March 26, 1881.

The name "Marysville" was given to the town by Mr. Culbertson when he laid it out, in honor of his daughter Mary, who subsequently became the wife of Gen. Joshua Mathiot. The banks of Mill Creek, at Marysville, are 480 feet above the waters of the Ohio River at Portsmouth—the mouth of the Scioto. The stream is here not large, but furnishes slight power. During the dry season its channel is nearly filled with a vegetable growth.

EARLY SETTLEMENT.

The first cabin on the site of Marysville is said to have been built by a Quaker named Jonathan Summers, about 1816. After the town was platted, its first settlers were Matthias Collins, Samuel Miller and John Leeper. George Snodgrass, the oldest living resident of Union County, in a letter dated at Urbana, Ohio, December 18, 1882, contributes from his recollection substantially as follows:

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* Mr. Skinner purchased from the administrators of J. Mathiot, deceased

"When I came to Marysville to live, in February, 1824, there were but four families living on the town plat; it was literally in the woods. Silas G. Strong had just moved in a new log house, just where the house of Judge Woods, deceased, now stands, opposite the jail, on land he had purchased at $3.50 per acre. Daniel Miller, a brother-in-law of David Comer, lived in an old log cabin built probably by a squatter. He had four children, was a brick-maker by trade, and died here after a few years; his widow removed from the place. Matthias Collins was here when I came. He had one or two children. His wife died at an early date. Collins was a carpenter, and built a little one-story house on East Center street, just on the east side of the branch. Dr. Henderson owns the site now. Collins got married in 1830, perhaps; moved on a farm, lived a few years and died. The fourth family was that of Stephen McLain. He was raised in Champaign County, Ohio, married in the fall of 1823, moved to Marysville, and was jailer, living in the jail when I went there in February, 1824. Those were the citizens of Marysville then.

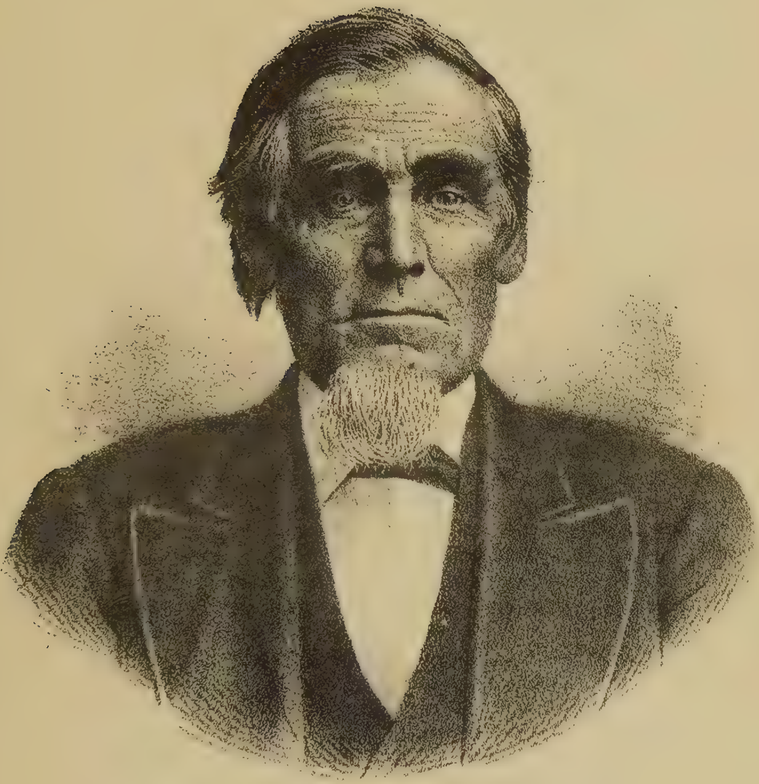
"Between that date and the fall of 1827, two families located in the place—George Minturn and wife, from Champaign County, and Newton Hicks and wife. Minturn was a wheelwright by trade, and made little and big spinning wheels. People at that time manufactured their own wearing apparel. Newton Hicks was a tanner. I built the first two-story frame to live in that was put up in Marysville. I think I am safe in saying that I taught the first school that had any scholars, in the corporation or town plat.

"I recollect David Comer distinctly. He was a man of considerable ability, and a gentleman. He was our Captain; I have mustered under him. He was elected Commissioner of Union County at an early date. He owned a good farm three miles west of Milford, and died about the year 1830. Some years after that the widow married a fine man by the name of Ralph Cherry. They are both gone. As regards Clark Provin, I can say but little. My recollection is that he was appointed Clerk of the Court until one could be elected; if so, then Silas G. Strong was elected. I am not able to state what became of him.

"Silas G. Strong was an Eastern man. He had a good education, and was smart, shrewd, and capable of filling any office in the county or State. He came to Marysville soon after the organization of the county. He was of the Presbyterian order. When I came to live with him he was Clerk of the Courts, County and Township Recorder, Justice of the Peace and Postmaster. He was a good surveyor, was agent for a good many tracts of land, and his having no family except his wife was the reason I went to live with him; he wanted some one to assist him in his business. I was to stay with him three years. When I was not engaged for him, he was to educate me in his own house. He was to give me $33 the first year, $66 the second, $100 the third, and board me and do my washing; I was to furnish my own clothing. I lived with him three years, then got married, rented his house and kept tavern, Strong and his wife boarding with me. He always treated me well, never a cross word passing between us. During that time, I taught school nine months in one place, a mile and a half from Marysville, at $12.50 per month.

"Amos A. Williams was then Sheriff of the county. He was a carpenter by trade, and as the business of his office did not give him constant employment, he made me his deputy and left the entire business with me. I was then twenty years of age. He was elected for a second term, and I still remained with him, making three years altogether, to the satisfaction of all concerned."

Mr. Snodgrass further says: "My father's name was Robert Snodgrass. He came from Pennsylvania and settled near Milford in the year 1800, with five or six



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other families—relatives. At that time the country was a wilderness; Indians were very plenty, but friendly. Our family numbered ten persons, of whom four were born in the bounds of Union. I was born June 8, 1805."[*]

About 1835–40, Silas G. Strong changed his religious views and went, with his wife, to the Shakers. After one year he became dissatisfied and returned to Marysville. He then embraced the doctrine of the Second Adventists and became enthusiastic in that belief. W. C. Malin relates of him that he had his "ascension robe" ready on several occasions, and at one time took a man's cow and horse team as balance of payment on a farm. The man came in afterward and wanted the cow back, saying that his family was nearly starving. Strong told him it made no difference; the people would all be "called up" in a few days any way—referring to the predicted "end of the world." After a number of years Strong went to Nauvoo, Ill., and joined the Mormons, and there died. Some time later his wife returned to her friends in the East.

David Witter[†] was the third Sheriff of Union County, elected in 1828 and re-elected in 1832. He was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1786. His father, Elijah Witter, removed to Ontario County, N. Y., about the beginning of the present century. In that county, near Geneva, David continued to reside until he was about twenty-eight years old. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and as such participated in the battle at Queenstown Heights, in Canada, fought in October, 1812. He belonged to the force under Col. S. Van Rensselaer, which assaulted and took the enemy's works, but a re-enforcement of the enemy came up and retook them.

In 1814, Mr. Witter moved to Ohio and bought land and settled in Union County, on the Darby Plains. Here he improved a large and valuable farm, and was greatly prospered while he resided on it. At the public sale of town lots in Marysville, in 1820, Mr. Witter bought a large number of lots, among others the lot on which the American Hotel building now stands. He erected that structure in the summer and fall of 1829. It was one of the best hotel buildings then in this section of the State; there was at that time none superior to it either in Springfield, Delaware or Columbus. Mr. Witter owned some three hundred acres of land adjoining Marysville on the east, coming up to what is now known as Weaver street, including the Richey farm, part of the D. Longbrake farm, and part of Mrs. McFadden's farm. The land that he then owned in this vicinity is now of immense value, but was sold by him before it had appreciated much.

Mr. Witter was a man of great enterprise and activity, and very successful in business for many years; but in 1840 he engaged in buying hogs and cattle, and sustained heavy losses. He subsequently sold out and paid his debts, and in 1845 removed to Logan County, Ill., where he had entered one thousand acres of land in 1835. He remained on this land until 1857, when he sold out and moved to Pike County, Ill., where he died in June, 1857. Mr. Witter was married three times; first to Sally Witter, a distant relative; this was in 1810. She died in 1838, and he married Mrs. Eliza Moran, in 1839, in Union County, Ohio. In 1857, he married a Mrs. Fuller, in Illinois. By his first wife he raised six children, five daughters and one son, as follows:

Clarissa, born in 1812, married to T. L. Campbell; moved to Texas, raised a large family, and died just before the breaking-out of the rebellion.

Joshua, born in 1815, married in Union County; moved to Illinois in 1845, and from thence to Texas in 1853. He remained there until the opening of the rebellion, when he was compelled to leave on account of his undisguised Union sentiments. His son made his way to the North before his father did, and joined the Union forces and served during the balance of the war.

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[*] George Snodgrass was married February 7, 1828, and his wife, Hannah, died December 9, 1881. Mr. Snodgrass was one of the chain-carriers for the surveyor who was authorized to lay out the Marion road, also the Newton road. In running the entire distance from Marysville to the north part of the county, they saw but two or three cabins. One was in the valley of Boke's Creek, just north of Pharisburg, and another on Fulton Creek. The latter was occupied by Cyprian Lee. Levi Phelps, who surveyed the road, was then a young, unmarried man, and at Mr. Lee's house, where the party made its headquarters for several days, he met, in the person of Mr. Lee's sister, the lady who subsequently became his wife.

[†] The sketch of Mr. Witter is furnished by Judge P. B. Cole.

Anna, the second daughter, married Hosea Ardes, in Illinois, in 1845; removed to Texas about 1853, where she still resides.

Dolly B. intermarried with P. B. Cole, of Marysville, where they still reside.

Mary married Horace G. Ballou, who removed from Marysville to Logan County, Ill., in 1850, where he practiced with success until 1855, when he died. His widow died in 1865.

Armuda P. married George Downing. in Logan County, Ill., in 1845. He died in 1853, and she afterward married John England, who died in 1869. She is now a widow, and resides at Lincoln, Ill.

Sarah Ann married Levi Rinker, in Logan County, Ill. He was a soldier in an Illinois regiment, and fell in battle near Atlanta, Ga. She resides near Fort Scott, Kan., and is a widow.

Eliza was the only child by his second marriage. She married a man by the name of James Iden; they now reside in Lincoln, Ill.

Mr. Witter had been unfortunate in business just before he left Ohio, but had repaired most of his losses before his death and left a good property to his children at his death.

Adam Wolford, Sr., was raised in Guernsey County, Ohio, where he was probably born. He removed to Mt. Vernon, Knox County, where he was married on the 10th of May, 1821. Immediately after his marriage, he came with his wife to Union County and settled on a farm near the site of the present fair ground, a short distance outside of the corporation as it now exists. His daughter (Maria) was born December 18, 1825, and before she was a year old her parents moved into the village and located on a lot on the north side of South street, just east of the "town run;" the family took up its residence in a log house on said lot. At that date it is likely that log houses were the only kind to be seen within the limits of the place. Mr. Wolford was a carpenter by trade, and had most of the work in that line to perform for a considerable period; a great portion of the carpenter work in the court house recently abandoned was done by him. He afterward moved to the lot in the southwest part of town, on which the West School building now stands. When said building was erected, the frame house which occupied the site, and in which Mr. Wolford lived, was moved to the south side of the street and is now occupied by R. L. Partridge and family. Mr. Partridge married Mr. Wolford's daughter (Maria), mentioned above. Mr. Wolford died June 10, 1863, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife (Katharine Wolford), died October 17, 1865, aged sixty years.

Adam Wolford, Jr., brother to the wife of Adam Wolford, Sr., settled in Marysville with his widowed mother, Charlotte Wolford, about 1828. She afterward married Jacob Slicer, and both are now deceased. Adam Wolford, Jr., was only four years of age when his mother came with him and his brother and two sisters to Marysville. After a residence of forty-one years in the town, he removed to Missouri in 1869. He now resides near North Lewisburg, Ohio.

Richard Bancroft was born August 11, 1797, at Wakefield, England; came to America when nineteen years of age; married Mary Graham, February 14, 1822, in Clark County, Ohio, and soon after located at Marysville, where he resided over fifty years. He died August 22, 1880, in Iowa, while on a visit with his wife to their daughter. Mrs. Bancroft died at Anamosa, Iowa, at the residence of her daughter, July 13, 1881, in the seventy-eighth year of her age.

Thomas Snodgrass died at Marysville on the 21st of April, 1880, aged seventy-three years. He was a native of the county, and had spent the greater part of his life in Marysville. He established the first Methodist Sunday school in the place, connected himself with the church in 1828, became a class leader, and led the singing until about 1859. He remained a prominent member of the church until his death, and was a citizen greatly respected and esteemed. He was a man of marked character, and will long be remembered by those who knew him.

The following sketch of Cyprian Lee, a prominent pioneer of the town and county, was furnished by his brother, William Lee, of Marysville:

"Several of the older States were represented by the pioneer settlers of Union County, and Connecticut had a representative in Cyprian Lee, who was born in Berlin, Hartford Co., Conn., April 10, 1792. He was the son of John and Mary (Hart) Lee, and spent the early years of his life on the farm homestead of his father, in Kensington, in the town of Berlin. After he had become of legal age, he spent several years with his uncle, John Hart, who had removed from Connecticut to Petersburg, Va. On the failure of the health of his uncle, who then returned to Connecticut, his business was committed to him to settle up, and through this arrangement he became the owner of an undivided half of a tract of about 2,000 acres of land situated on Fulton Creek, in what is now Claibourne Township, Union Co., Ohio. He first visited Ohio about the year 1820, remained for a time in Delaware, and there, about 1821, married Elizabeth Cooper, whose parents were from Vermont. In 1822, he concluded to settle upon his land in Union County, and with this view he obtained an order of partition of the tract referred to, and the boundaries of the half belonging to him were established. He then sold a small parcel to a man who engaged to locate upon it and assist him for a time in the preliminiaries of his own settlement. The first work to be accomplished was the opening of a way for about four miles through a heavily timbered region, to get access with teams and wagons to the spot where he was to locate his log cabin; then the rearing of his cabin and the beginning of the clearing of the land for cultivation.

"Such an enterprise for a young man and a young wife, who had not been inured to life under such conditions, demanded courageous and resolute spirits, with willing and strong hands, to endure the hardships and overcome the difficulties incident to such an undertaking, and of his wife it can be truly said that she united the courageous, heroic spirit with the gentle and amiable traits of a true woman. He was a man of large frame, of great muscular strength, very supple and active, and he had courage and resolution. Addressing himself to the difficulties of his situation with ambitious earnestness, his exertions resulted in subjecting him to rheumatic disease, which so interfered with his farming pursuits that after two or three years he found it expedient to seek a different location and a different occupation; accordingly, in 1824 or 1825, he removed to Marysville, and for a time kept a hotel. At the time of his residence on Fulton Creek, and during the earlier years of his residence in Marysville, there were some men in the vicinity who, while they were physically powerful, were of quarrelsome dispositions and fighting habits; and there were several instances in which men of this sort challenged the manhood of Mr. Lee in ways which he could not allow to pass without asserting his manhood in a contest, the result of which was that in each case the assailing parties met their master. These demonstrations of his power and prowess becoming known to the near residents, led them to regard him with more than common respect; and, as he was of a very social nature, kind and generous hearted, and in his disposition the opposite of a quarrelsome man, he had many and warm friends. Besides being of a genial, social nature, he had a cheerful, joyous temperament, and entered heartily into the innocent sports of the time—engaged in the games of ball with the men or the boys, as also in the hunts for game, and made himself an agreeable companion with all who were disposed to conduct themselves with moral propriety; and very naturally, in such associations, he often took the place of leader, or captain, as for a period of several years he was the chosen Captain of the local militia.

"Such were some of the incidents of the early years of his life in Union County, and such were some of his natural characteristics. He did not remain long at hotel keeping, but leaving that, engaged in mercantile business. He entered into the latter in company with others, having a number of different partners during the period in which he was engaged in trade, which continued up to the time of his death, which occurred September 24, 1854. He was elected Treasurer of the county, and held that office from 1845 to 1851; was elected Coroner in 1851, and served one year, and was once elected Mayor of Marysville, but declined to serve. He was not ambitious of official distinction, nor was he ever actuated by an eager desire to accumulate property. His business yielded him a sufficient income for the comfortable support of his family, with something more with which to gratify the generous and benevolent impulses of his nature. He had no disreputable habits, and his character was not stained by any immoral practices. It remains now to speak of him in relation to his religious character, and in this respect it may be said that he was a man of religious faith and precepts for some years before he made a public profession by connecting himself with a Christian Church; but, in 1841, he became a member of the Presbyterian Church of Marysville, was elected an Elder in 1843, and the same year became the clerk of the church session, and continued to hold these offices until his death, a period of twelve years. In 1841, he was elected Depositary of the County Bible Society, and in 1842 was elected to the Presidency of this society, and was continued in this office for twelve years. These facts are significant of the estimation in which his religious character was held by those with whom he was associated in the church, and in the County Bible Society; and they show that in some good degree he was true to his genealogical lineage. There coursed in his veins and pulsated in his heart the blood of Rev. Thomas Hooker, Deacon Stephen Hart and John Lee, all of whom were of that company of colonists that removed in 1636 * from Cambridge, Mass., to Hartford, Conn., and made the first settlement there. The John Lee of that colony, then a youth, subsequently married Mary Hart, daughter of Deacon Stephen Hart. At a later period, Samuel Hart, a grandson of Stephen Hart, married Mary Hooker, a grand-daughter of Rev. Thomas Hooker. Still later, John Lee, of the fifth generation from John Lee, the colonist, married Mary Hart, a descendant of Deacon Stephen Hart and Rev. Thomas Hooker; and this John Lee and Mary Hart Lee were the parents of Cyprian Lee.

"Few men were more prominent in the early history of Connecticut in shaping the religious and civil institutions of the State than Rev. Thomas Hooker; and both the Harts and the Lees, for successive generations, were of devout religious proclivities, and stanch supporters of the religious institutions of their State, as also earnest advocates of the liberty of conscience and the natural rights of men under governmental arrangements, both civil and ecclesiastical. Cyprian Lee owed it to his ancestors to belong to the Christian Church, and to stand for the distribution of the Bible as he did. His children were: Mary, born October 10, 1823; Lewis Hart, born January 8, 1826; Samuel Cooper, born August 6, 1828. These are all living and have families, but none of them are now residents of Union County. The young wife, who shared heroically and affectionately with him the hardships and privations of pioneer life on Fulton Creek, died before the lapse of ten years from the time of their marriage. He subsequently married Mary Irwin, of this county, who survived him but a few years, but left no children."

Tobias Beightler, from Fairfield County, Ohio, removed to Paris Township, Union County, in 1825, when twenty-one years of age. He was then possessed of limited means, but in the subsequent years accumulated enough to make him comfortable. According to his recollections as published in the Marysville *Tribune* in 1880, there were only seven voters in Marysville upon his arrival in the town; those were Matthias Collins, Thomas Collins, Eli Lundy, George H. Houser, Hezekiah Bates—a blacksmith, who had a shop on the site now occupied by the People's Bank; Samuel Osborn, who had a small tannery where the city hall now is, and Silas G. Strong. The walls of the old American House, according to the

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*This date should be October, 1635, at which time a colony of sixty persons left Boston, and, after passing across Central Massachusetts, settled at Hartford, Windsor and Wethersfield, in Connecticut.—*P. A. D.*

memory of Mr. Beightler, were laid by Squire Gladhill and a man named Sprague. George H. Houser was a brother-in-law of Mr. Beightler, and in the year the latter arrived here killed seventy-seven deer, two bears and seven wolves, while Eli Lundy killed the same number of deer and two wolves.

Charles L. Mullen was born in Madison County, Ohio, in 1814, and in 1829 came with his father to Marysville, where he resided until his death, February 4, 1882. It is said that he carried the first brick and mortar used in the construction of the old court house. He was twice married—first, in January, 1843, to Sarah Bancroft, who died seven years later, and second, to Elizabeth J. Marfield, who survived him; each bore him four children.

Calvin Winget was born in 1801, and very soon afterward his father, Stephen Winget, Sr., removed from Marietta, Ohio, to what is now Darby Township, Union County, where he died in March, 1807. The family was originally either from Pennsylvania or Virginia. Calvin Winget married Cynthia Irwin, sister of Gen. William B. Irwin, who is mentioned elsewhere. He lived for a time at Milford, where his son, William M. Winget, now of Marysville, was born June 1, 1829; four months after that event, he removed with his family to Marysville, where for a number of years he was engaged in the cabinet-making business, as were also his brothers, Stephen and David. Calvin Winget, on his arrival in the town, or soon after, occupied a house—part frame and part logs—which stood on the site of the present brick dwelling immediately east of the Congregational Church. He subsequently owned a house on the west side of Main street, opposite the American Hotel. This, together with the dwellings of two men named Hicks and Thornton, and a new building erected by John Adamson for a store and dwelling and not yet occupied by him, were destroyed by an incendiary fire in 1831. Adamson had a stock of goods in his store, and thieves had entered and stolen quantities thereof, afterward setting fire to the building. Two white men and a colored man were arrested the following day for the offense, tried and sentenced to the penitentiary. The families who had been burned out took rooms in the upper part of the hotel which David Witter had built, although it was not yet quite completed. The widow of Stephen Winget, Jr., from whom this information was derived, does not recollect who was then keeping the hotel, which had, in its incomplete state, been thrown open to the public, but thinks a man named Rice became its landlord soon after. Calvin Winget died in 1840, of milk sickness. In the possession of his son, Squire William M. Winget, is the original seal of Union County. It is made of brass and has upon its face the State coat-of-arms, the words "Common Pleas of the County of Union," and the date 1820. The impression was made by placing its face over the instrument to be sealed and striking the back side with a hammer, and it bears many a dent from the blows inflicted. Squire Winget is one of the prominent citizens of the town and county, and has been honored with numerous official positions—Justice of the Peace, County Clerk, etc.

Stephen Winget, Jr., was born in Darby Township, Union Co., Ohio, in April, 1807, a month after the death of his father, Stephen Winget, Sr. In 1829, he married Matilda Marshall, daughter of Thomas Marshall, and in May, 1830, removed with his wife to Marysville and entered into the cabinet-making business. His health afterward failed and he moved upon a farm he had purchased on the Milford road, but finally returned to Marysville and resumed his former occupation. For eight years he was associated with Jesse Gill in a saw-mill at North Lewisburg, Champaign County; both men are now deceased, Mr. Winget's death occurring at Marysville, December 19, 1879. Upon his arrival in this town in May, 1830, Mr. Winget moved in with his brother Calvin and lived for a few months in the upper part of the house occupied by the latter. He afterward occupied for a time a small frame building owned by Silas G. Strong, which stood opposite the present site of the Presbyterian Church, on the south side of West Center street. Strong had kept store in said building, carrying probably a general country stock. Stephen McLain was then a prominent citizen of the town, and occupied a central location, somewhere near the spot on which the Union Block now stands. The surroundings of the village at that day were rather dreary and unpleasant; scrubby brush, wet land and heavy timber made up the landscape, and about where the Presbyterian Church now is, and for a considerable space around, a "cat-tail" and willow swamp presented its beauties to the eye of the beholder. There was scarcely an indication that the village in a mud-hole would ever become the prosperous, thrifty and beautiful town which is the pride of its citizens to-day.

In May, 1830, there were but two or three frame houses in the place. Levi Phelps lived in one, a man named Powell in another, and Cornelius Sheltman, a wheelwright, in another. Silas G. Strong was then keeping hotel on the ground lately occupied by Judge Woods, in a two-story log building, part of which was weather-boarded. Mrs. Stephen Winget was one of the ladies who attended the first Fourth of July celebration in Marysville, in 1828, and remembers it well; six couples of young people were present from Darby Township. Mrs. Winget was born near Culpepper Court House, Fauquier Co., Va., and her father, Thomas Marshall, removed with his family to Logan County, Ohio, when the daughter was five years old. In 1814, he changed his place of residence to Darby Township, Union County, and died, in the neighborhood of 1840, while living on Sugar Run.

Thomas Marshall Winget, oldest son of Stephen and Matilda Winget, was born in Marysville in August, 1830, and died at his home in the same town, December 27, 1877. He had been a respected citizen all his life. His occupation had been that of a carpenter and cabinet-maker. He married Tabitha A., daughter of William M. Robinson, who, with three children, survives him.

"Philander B. Cole,* now the senior member of the bar of Union County, was born in Columbus, Ohio, October 10, 1815. He was the only child of James Cole and Jerusha, his wife. His father, James Cole, removed to Delaware County, where he bought land, about one-half of which was in Delaware and the other half in Union County, the family residence being in the former. This land was cleared and made into a farm, Philander assisting to clear and cultivate the same until the death of his mother, which took place in May, 1831. He was then in his sixteenth year. His father subsequently married again, at the happening of which event the young man carefully considered the situation and made up his mind to retire from the old home and seek his own fortune in the world. The first move he determined on for himself was to procure an education. To that end he immediately commenced attending school in the home district; this was in the fall of 1831, and he continued at the same school, which was taught by three different teachers, until December, 1832, when the teacher, a Mr. William Porter, frankly admitted that the pupil was as good a scholar as the master, and recommended him to seek better means of education elsewhere, advising him to go to Marysville and attend a school taught by his cousin, William C. Lawrence, which course he adopted; and these are the circumstances which brought Philander B. Cole to Marysville. In the latter part of December, 1832, he called on Mr. Lawrence, at Marysville, and found him a very courteous and affable gentleman. He said he could receive him into the school if he could recite in classes already formed, and gave him a letter to Judge Silas G. Strong, recommending his admission. Mr. Strong was one of the Directors, and very readily assented to the request of Mr. Lawrence. The kind treatment that Mr. Cole received from both those gentlemen on that occasion still remains fresh in his mind as a most pleasant remembrance. So the arrangement was made and he came to Marysville and entered the school on the 7th of January, 1833. He was then past seventeen years of age. He had been very carefully taught the rudiments of education, was a good speller and reader, was quite well informed on the rules of pronunciation, and had some superficial knowledge of arithmetic, geography and English grammar. He had a passion for reading, and perused over and over again the few books that had then come in his way; and he remembered their contents, for his memory was one of the most retentive. At the age of seventeen years, with these slender acquirements, he left home and entered in earnest upon the career of life. He entered the school of Mr. Lawrence, where he remained until the following spring, and the next summer pursued his studies in the office of his preceptor, reciting to him privately. He entered the Baptist College, at Granville, Ohio (now Dennison University), at the beginning of the spring term in 1834, and remained until the end of the school-year, when, on account of ill-health—but more especially on account of lack of funds—he reluctantly abandoned the idea of obtaining a regular college education. He returned to Marysville and commenced the study of law with William C. Lawrence, and was admitted to the bar by the Court in Banc, at Columbus, Ohio, in December, 1836.

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* This sketch of Judge Cole is contributed.

"He returned to Marysville feeling elated and happy, for, notwithstanding he had no money or other valuable possessions, and was in debt over $200, incurred in prosecuting his studies, yet he was only twenty-one years old, and had succeeded in becoming a member of the bar under the most unfavorable conditions, and had secured the respect and confidence of the best men in the community where he resided. These were the fruits of his four years' labor, and he felt he had made substantial progress in his career.

"In the fall of 1838, he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of the county, being the Whig candidate. His competitor was John F. Kinney, since a Judge of the Supreme Court of Iowa. He was re-elected in 1840, without opposition, and defeated in 1842 for the same office by Augustus Hall, on account of a division in the Whig party. Mr. Hall had sixteen votes majority. Mr. Cole was elected again in 1844, over C. W. B. Allison. In 1844, he and W. C. Lawrence started at Marysville the *Argus* newspaper; it supported Mr. Clay for the Presidency. They published it for one year. In 1846, Mr. Cole resumed the publication of the *Argus*, and continued to publish it until the fall of 1849, when he sold out to Cornelius S. Hamilton. It was a Whig paper.

"In the fall of 1850, Mr. Cole was nominated and elected Representative in the Legislature from the district composed of Union and Marion Counties. This was the last session under the old constitution. In 1851, he was re-elected for the county of Union, it being entitled to a Representative alone under the new constitution. In his second term, he received the vote of his party for Speaker, but it being in the minority, his competitor, James C Johnson, of Medina County, was elected. The principal legislation of the sessions of 1850–51 related to the interest of railroads; bills authorizing counties, townships and cities to take stock consuming much of the time. Mr. Cole supported these bills, which were the foundation of the present railroad system in the State, against strong party opposition, and drew all the laws authorizing Union County to take stock in the roads passing through its territory. The first term under the new constitution was occupied in changing the laws so as to conform to its provisions, which necessitated the amendment of almost every act in the statute books. Mr. Cole took an active and leading part in the work of the body, and participated in most of its discussions. After the close of the Legislature in the spring of 1853, he turned his attention to personal and professional business, and pushed both for several years with marked success. During the Presidential canvass of 1860, he was an earnest advocate of Mr. Lincoln's election, and supported the Government when the rebellion broke out, both with purse and as a public speaker and writer, and as Chairman of the County Military Committee to raise troops. In 1864, he was a Delegate to the National Republican Convention, and supported Mr. Lincoln for President and Daniel S. Dickenson for Vice President. The Ohio delegation agreed to vote as a unit for the man having a majority of the delegates, and as Mr. Johnson had a majority of one he received the whole vote of the State. In June, 1864, Mr. Cole was a candidate for Congress, receiving the vote of Union County solid and considerable support from Marion and Morrow, but Mr. Hubbell, of Delaware, succeeded in getting the nomination.

“Mr. Cole was elected to the State Senate in 1865, Col. Ramsey, of Kenton, being his opponent. He was appointed Chairman of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, and a member of the Standing Committees on Claims, Federal Relations and the Judiciary; and the Committee of Conference between the two Houses on the proposed amendment to the constitution allowing the right of suffrage to colored men. He was an active and prominent member of the Senate during his term. After its close, he continued to practice his profession until 1871, when he was elected a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, which position he held for the constitutional term of five years. During his incumbency of this office, the subdistrict was composed of Union, Logan and Hardin Counties, and, the first two years, Shelby.

“During his long residence in the county, he has been the steadfast friend of every enterprise and movement which tended to promote the material and educational interests of the people, and his voice and pen have exercised a potent influence in placing the county in its present advanced condition. He was a member of and President of the School Board in 1860, when the first new school building was erected, and he has served as President of the Town Library Association since its organization. The free turnpike system of the county is much indebted to him for its existence. He has held many important private trusts, all of which he has discharged with ability and fidelity. As an advocate and speaker, he appears to the best advantage in the argument of equity cases to the court, the philosophical discussion of principles enlisting all the powers of his mind and arousing his energy and enthusiasm. He is still energetically engaged in prosecuting his private and professional business, takes the same interest in public affairs as in earlier life, and bids fair to enjoy many years to come of usefulness and activity.

“Mr. Cole was married to Dolly B. Witter, daughter of David Witter, third Sheriff of Union County, on the 30th of July, 1839. They have six living children, all of whom were born in Marysville, and all now past the age of majority, as follows:

“Ulysses D. Cole, residing in Rushville, Ind. He graduated at Kenyon College, Gambia, Ohio, in June, 1862. He soon after enlisted as a private in the Eighty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until discharged by reason of expiration of term of service. He re-enlisted in the same regiment upon its re-organization, and was elected First Lieutenant. In 1864, he was commissioned a Captain in the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Regiment, Company B, which he recruited, and served until the close of the war. He studied law with his father, took a course at the Harvard law school, and was admitted to the bar in 1866. He practiced law in partnership with his father one year, and removed to Huntington, Ind., where he followed his profession and owned and edited the Huntington *Herald* for nine years. In 1876, he was elected Joint Representative of Huntington and Wabash Counties to the Lower House of the Indiana Legislature. In 1880, he removed to Rushville, Ind. He was married in 1873 to Miss Ella Purviance, who died in 1876, and again, in 1880, to Miss Siddie Mauzy, of Rushville.

“James B. Cole, residing in Marysville, Ohio. He graduated at West Point Military Academy in 1866, and served as Second and First Lieutenant in the Fourth United States Cavalry for five years. He resigned in 1871 and returned to Marysville, where he studied and has since practiced law. He was married in 1872 to Miss Mary McAlister, daughter of R. T. McAlister, of Union County.

“Cornelia, married to Charles W. Fairbanks,* residing in Indianapolis, Ind.

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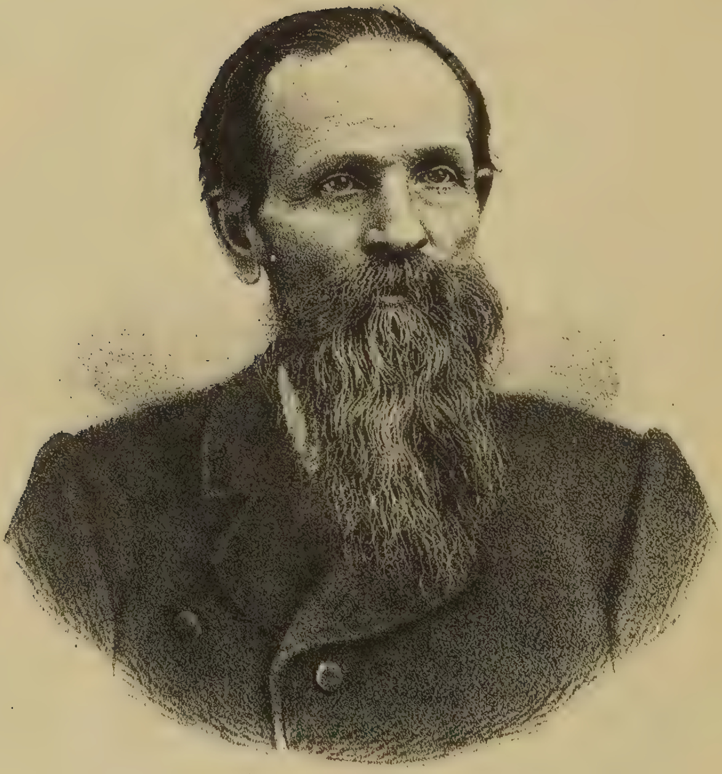
* The branch of the Fairbanks family residing in Union County, Ohio, is descended from one of five brothers who emigrated from Wales to America at an early period. The first of the family of whom there is anything definite known is Luther Fairbanks, Sr., whose home was Pittsfield, Vt. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, was captured in the attack on Quebec, and suffered great privations during his imprisonment. His son Lnther was born September 10, 1780, and married Lucy Lewis, of Barnard, Vt., early in 1800. In 1835, they removed with their family to Ware Village, Mass. In the fall of 1837, they made another move, this time to the Darby Plains, Union Co., Ohio, where Mr. Fairbanks engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1842, when the death of Mrs. Fairbanks caused



John Gray

She graduated at the Ohio Wesleyan Female Seminary in 1872, and was married to Charles W. Fairbanks in 1874.

" Edward E. Cole, residing in Marysville, Ohio. He graduated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, in the class of 1874 ; studied law, and has since practiced in Marysville.

" Jessie F. Cole, residing at Marysville, was educated at Western Female Seminary, Oxford, Ohio; and Dollie E. Cole, residing at Marysville, who was educated at Monnett Hall, Delaware, Ohio, and the Cincinnati College of Music."

James Turner, Judge of the Probate Court of Union County, died at Marysville while holding that office, December 26, 1859. He was a native of York County, Penn., and came with his father to Ohio about 1816, settling in Clark County. The Judge removed to Marysville in 1834, and continued a resident of the place until his death. He was almost constantly in office during his residence in Marysville ; was Justice of the Peace many years, County Clerk several years, the first Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas after the adoption of the new State Constitution, and at the expiration of his term was chosen Probate Judge, which position he held until his death. He was a man greatly esteemed for his excellent qualities, and stood very high in the community in which he lived.

Rev. James Ryan, who died at Marysville, March 14, 1868, aged nearly seventy-seven years, thus wrote of himself in 1856 : " James Ryan was born July 27, A. D. 1791 ; joined the M. E. Church August 13, 1813 ; converted August 26, 1817, and received a greater blessing of love November 7, 1827. Received license to exhort in 1826 ; license to preach in September, 1832. Traveled Randolph Circuit three-fourths of the conference year, and in 1833–34 traveled all the conference year. Moved to Ohio in 1836, and settled in Union County, and here I expect to live out my days. * * *" Mr. Ryan acted as a lay minister in the M. E. Church after coming to Union County ; was ordained Deacon by Bishop R. R. Roberts, at Urbana, August 29, 1849, and Elder at Columbus, by E. S. Jones, in September, 1847. "In connection with Rev. Ebenezer Mathers, he organized the first Methodist society on Dun's Run, now called Mt. Hermon. The first class was composed of thirteen members. They met first in a private house, then the schoolhouse, and about twenty-nine years ago [1839] in the Mt. Hermon Church, which they built. Within six months, the old church has been evacuated and the society has resolved itself into two churches. The one at Dover is now [March, 1868] worshiping in a new house, and the other at Bonnet's is preparing to build. The thirteen have increased to 200, and many have gone to the Better Land.† "

James M. Wilkinson died at his home in Ulysses, Butler County, Neb., March 25, 1882, aged nearly seventy-five years. He was born June 21, 1807, at

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him to break up housekeeping and return, in 1843, to Massachusetts, where he remained twelve years, returning to Union County in 1855, where he remained until the time of his death, residing with his youngest son, Lorreston M. Fairbanks, at his residence near Unionville Center, Union Co., Ohio. The death of Luther Fairbanks occurred October 21, 1857. His family consisted of five sons and four daughters, the eldest of whom, Lewis Fairbanks, was the first of the name to settle in Union County. He emigrated from Barnard, Vt., in 1833, married Lavinia Tucker, and settled on the Darby Plains, where he pursued the trade of clothier and also engaged in farming until 1843, then removed to Madison County, Ohio. He resided here until 1870, dying at the residence of his daughter, Lucy Ewing. One child survives him, Joel Fairbanks, residing in Madison County, Ohio. Lorreston M. Fairbanks, the youngest son of Luther, was born at Barnard, Vt., in 1824, and in 1837 came with his father to Union County, where, saving two years' absence (1842–44), he has since resided, prominently connected with the improvements in his county and interested in the politics of his State. January 1, 1846, he married Mary Adelaide Smith, who was born in New York State in 1829. Mr. Fairbanks was engaged in carriage manufacturing at Homer, Ohio, for five years after his marriage, when ill health compelled him to abandon the business and engage in farming on his land near Unionville Center, Union Co., Ohio, where his home still is. He is at this time (December, 1882) absent in the West, where he is extensively engaged in farming, stock-raising and the grain business. The living family of L. M. Fairbanks consists of his wife and seven children, five sons and two daughters, all of whom are grown with the exception of the youngest son. The eldest son, Charles W. Fairbanks, resides in Indianapolis, Ind. He is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and of the law school at Cleveland, Ohio. He is prominently connected with the railroad business, being General Attorney of the I. B. & W. system, attorney for the bondholders of the Danville & Olney road, and counsel for many other corporations. He owns a large tract of the richest farming land in Central Illinois. The second son, Luther M., has been for several years connected with railroad business, but of late he has been largely engaged in speculating in coal and timber lands in Virginia. He also carries on an extensive grain business at Mansfield, Ill. The third son, William D., is engaged in farming at Blue Ridge, Ill. The fourth son, Newton H., is a student at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. The elder daughter, Jennie, is a student at Monnett Hall, Delaware. The youngest daughter, Nellie M., and youngest son, Henry S., are at home with their parents.

†Obituary in Marysville *Tribune*.

Mount Joy, Lancaster County, Penn., and about 1821 removed to Waterloo, Seneca County, N. Y., where he married Laura R. Kinney, daughter of Dr. S. F. Kinney, who was long a resident of Marysville. In October, 1836, Mr. Wilkinson came to Marysville to reside. He was a carpenter by trade, and his first work here was to finish the interior of the court house, then being built. He was a fine workman. He held the office of Justice of the Peace several years, and was in all respects an exemplary and honored citizen. In 1857, he removed to Nebraska, in which State he died. While a resident of Butler County, in said State, he was elected to the position of Probate Judge.

Reuben L. Partridge was born September 10, 1823, in Essex County, N. Y., among the Adirondack Mountains, and in 1833, came with his father and family to Ohio, and settled near Worthington, Franklin County. His father, Cyrus Partridge, died in 1836, and the widow removed with her children the same year to Marysville, and made her home with her oldest son (by a former marriage), Rowland Lee. He was a wagon-maker, and had resided in Marysville a few years before the rest of the family arrived, which was on the 28th of April, 1836. The town had then about 100 inhabitants. The Presbyterians had the only church in town, and that had not yet been supplied with seats, the congregation using benches made of slabs. The Methodists were using the old frame court house, on the south side of Center street, and occasional meetings were held by other denominations in the same building. The present depot grounds were covered with timber, which extended northward nearly to Center street, and Mr. Partridge states that he has shot squirrels out of the trees where the depot grounds now are. Mr. Partridge learned the wagon and carriage maker's trade of his half-brother, Mr. Lee, and remained with him eight and a half years. He worked one year as a journeyman in that business, and then commenced taking contracts in the carpenter and joiner line, which he has followed more or less since. He took the contract and built the first self-supporting bridge in the county, in 1855, and has built about 125 bridges in Union and adjoining counties since that time, of all forms and sizes, of wood and iron, at an average cost of nearly $500. He took out a patent on high truss bridges in 1872, and the large class of bridges has been built principally under that patent. Mr. Partridge has constructed seven-eighths of all the bridges in Union County, as he himself states. His brother, Rowland L ee, removed from Marysville to Indiana, and died at Columbia City, Whitley County, in that State, about 1878–79.

Rodney Picket, born in New Berne, N. C., in 1800, was the son of a sea captain, who was lost at sea. The widow subsequently married again and removed to Connecticut, but died a few weeks later. The boy had no settled home for some time, but was finally taken as an apprentice to the tanning and shoe-making business, at which he served until he was twenty-one years of age. In 1837, he removed to Marysville and engaged in tanning, afterward entering mercantile business. He was a man of excellent business capacity, and, had he lived, would doubtless have accumulated a large property. His death occurred September 18, 1852.

Thomas Turner, a native of Maryland, removed with his parents to Ohio about 1816–18, and settled in Clark County. At the age of twenty-one years, while yet a resident of that county, he married Diana McMullin, who died before his removal to Union County. He came to Marysville in the spring of 1838, and in 1840 was married to Jane Teas. Mr. Turner was a blacksmith by trade, and worked at blacksmithing and wagon-making during his residence here. He died October 13, 1868; his widow is still living in Marysville. Her father, Samuel Teas, from Nova Scotia, came to Ohio with his wife and two children, about 1802, and located in Chillicothe. He afterward took up his residence in Greene County, and in 1834 removed to Union County, and settled in Paris Township, about half way between Marysville and Milford. He was a carpenter by trade. In the spring of 1837, he located in Marysville, where he died in 1843, aged seventy-four years; his wife died in 1847. His daughter, Mrs. Turner, is the only survivor of the family, and was born near Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.

Samuel A. Cherry, from Oswego County, N. Y., came to Union County, Ohio, with his wife, in May, 1839, locating at Marysville, and opening a tailor shop in a small one-story frame building which stood on the south side of East Center street, west of the alley, where F. H. & W. Otte now have their tailoring establishment. In this Mr. Cherry had his shop and his residence, and in it, also, his brother, George W. Cherry, who had settled in the place a year or two previously, was carrying on the grocery business. The latter is now a resident of Baltimore, Md. W. H. & J. W. Frank were at the same time proprietors of a cabinet shop which was located in the old frame court house, on the opposite (east) side of the alley. S. A. Cherry continued most of the time to work at the tailor's trade until about 1863–64. He had been somewhat interested in the saw-mill business, and had a mill north of where the fair ground now is. In the fall of 1865, he engaged exclusively in milling, operating a mill in the north part of the town where Thompson's saw-mill now is. He sold out to Miller & Snodgrass, who in turn disposed of the establishment to Moses Thompson, the present proprietor. In 1874, after working with a portable mill in various localities, in company with J. Smith Alexander, they located on the ground at the foot of Main street, near the railroad, where Mr. Cherry's mill now is, and continued together for a time. Mr. Cherry is now conducting the business alone, employing four or five hands at the mill, besides others engaged in hauling timber for him. He works entirely in hard lumber, cutting shafts, felloe-strips, cross-bars, etc., but not bending them, and ships mostly to Columbus; he fills occasional orders from Dayton, Miamisburg, Erie, Penn., New Haven and North Haven, Conn., and other places. He has shipped as many as seventy-five car loads in a year. The mill is run by a twenty-five-horse power steam engine.

William Steele was a young man who was raised in the family of Silas G. Strong, and succeeded the latter as Postmaster at Marysville. He was also elected Sheriff of Union County, and during his term of office succeeded in breaking up a gang of counterfeiters which included in its membership several of the prominent citizens of the town and county. It was thought by some that the spurious money was obtained in Cincinnati and placed in circulation by this combination of sharpers. Mr. Steele finally moved to Hancock County, Ill., and was placed in office by the citizens of that county. He had settled in Marysville about 1832–34.

Dr. S. F. Kinney located at Marysville, with his family, in 1839, when Union County was thinly populated. His death occurred May 31, 1872, when he had reached the age of eighty-three years. His wife, Roxana Kinney, died January 23, 1874, aged over eighty years. She was born in the State of Rhode Island, but removed with her father's family to New York, where she was married to Dr. Kinney. Both were highly esteemed citizens of the town of their adoption.

William C. Malin, a native of Urbana, Champaign Co., Ohio, served an apprenticeship in that place in the business of saddlery and harness-making, and on the 19th of March, 1840, came to Marysville and worked as a journeyman for Evans & Jennings, who he thinks owned the only harness shop then in the village. He soon after bought out James W. Evans and became a partner with A. C. Jennings, of the old firm. Evans removed to Kansas. Jennings remained here three or four years, finally going to the city of New York and entering into partnership with his brother in the sale of manufactured straw goods. He is now a resident of Champaign County, Ohio. Mr. Malin still resides in Marysville, and since his arrival, over forty years ago, has been engaged in the same line of business, not relinquishing it while serving as Sheriff of the county from 1850 to 1854. At the date of his settlement in the town, it contained, according to his recollection, two mercantile establishments, one cabinet shop, by William H. Frank, two blacksmith shops, by William Campbell and Thomas Turner (Alexander Bates also had a blacksmith shop in the place, but moved to Indiana a few days after Mr. Malin's arrival), two tan-yards—one owned and operated by Rodney Picket, just back of where W. E. Baxter's jewelry store now is on West Center street, and the other by Ransom Clark, in the northwest part of the village; one wagon shop, by Rowland Lee, in the eastern part of town; two physicians, Curl and Hosford; two hotels—the "Union Hall" (now American), by Chester Farnum, and another by Henry Kezartee, where the Continental now stands. The latter was the front part of the present hotel, and had been standing several years. It was, possibly, built by Henry Kezartee, now of York Township. Samuel Cherry, Leonard Geer (a German,) and Harvey Criswell were working at tailoring; the last-named person is now living at Kenton, Hardin County. Mr. Hughes, of the former firm of Hare & Hughes, dissolved in December, 1839, was still carrying on the hat business, his shop being where the Farmers' Bank now stands, at the southwest corner of the public square. Hughes was a very small man, and was familiarly known as "Banta." His partner, Mr. Hare, removed to West Jefferson, Franklin Co., Ohio, and thither Mr. Hughes subsequently followed him. Forman Carel was later engaged in the hat business at Marysville. That occupation was profitable in those days, as most of the hats worn in the locality were manufactured either here or in neighboring shops. In 1840—the year of the Harrison campaign—many of the farmers converted coon-skins into head gear. When Mr. Malin came, a man named Churchill was either keeping tavern or had been engaged in that business, on a lot in the east part of town now occupied by James Field. The building was never completed, and rotted down. Mr. Malin's first wife was a daughter of Dr. S. F. Kinney and a niece of Silas G. Strong.

Jacob Slicer, from Pennsylvania, who came to Marysville previous to 1840, was the father-in-law of William H. Frank and Adam Wolford, Jr. His home was in a log house on the corner southwest of the Congregational Church, near the present residence of J. H. Kinkade. He lived many years in the town, and is now deceased.

Samuel Johnson settled in Marysville some time before 1840, and became a prominent citizen. He held the position of Justice of the Peace, owned property in town and two farms in the vicinity. He is now deceased.

Jacob Catro, a bachelor, with all the eccentricities ascribed to the class, was at one time a resident of Marysville, and boarded with Chester Farnum, proprietor of the Union Hall, now the American Hotel. He was a brother-in-law of Levi Longbrake.

W. T. Brophy, a tailor by trade, came from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and located in Marysville about 1841–42. He could find no rooms in which to set up a shop, and S. A. Cherry gave him shop room, thereby making of him a warm friend. He died about 1851–52, and his widow, who was his second wife, is now the second wife of Taber Randall, living in Marysville.

John G. Zwerner, who died at Marysville February 7, 1882, aged sixty-one years, had resided in the town over forty years, and was an esteemed citizen.

John Cassil was born in Washington County, Penn., February 19, 1803, and when very small removed with his parents to Jefferson County, Ohio, locating near Steubenville. There he grew to man's estate, and on the 17th of April, 1825, married Drusilla Gladden, with whom he removed to Greene County, Ohio, in April, 1832, remaining one year. In April, 1833, he came with his wife and four children to Union County, settling on the Darby Plains, probably in Darby Township, and remaining in that locality about two years. One child had died in Greene County before the family removed to Union. In April, 1842, they settled at Marysville. Mr. Cassil owned the printing establishment at this place, and was for several years engaged in the newspaper publishing business. He was chosen to fill numerous offices, among others that of Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, from 1839 to 1842. He owned at one time considerable property in Marysville and the surrounding region, and was always greatly interested in matters looking toward public improvements. The "Cassil Block," which was destroyed by fire a number of years since, was built by him and stood on the northwest side of the public square. It was the first three-story brick building erected in the county. Mr. Cassil lost much of his property when the railroad was built through Marysville. He was a steadfast supporter of the temperance cause, and was for many years a highly respected and honored citizen of the town. He died June 15, 1869, near Carthage, Jasper Co., Mo., while on a visit to his son—settling him on a farm in that vicinity. The son died four years later; the remains of both lie in the cemetery at Marysville. The lot on which the new court house stands was purchased of Mrs. Cassil, after the decease of her husband. When the family took up its abode in Marysville, the village had a population of something over 300. The southeast corner of Main and Mathiot streets, where Mrs. Cassil now lives, was then in the thick woods; the corner next north of it had then a small house erected upon it, and on that lot Judge Cole lived at one time. The first two fairs of the agricultural society were held in the old court house yard, Mrs. Cassil states, and after that for a time in the timber south of Mathiot street. As fairs were something which many of the inhabitants had never before seen, they scarcely knew how to conduct themselves when in attendance upon them, and, deeming the articles on exhibition were for free distribution, helped themselves accordingly. One man exhibited a large cheese at one of the fairs, and people helped themselves to generous portions thereof. Finally, seeing that it would all be sliced up and carried away if he left it any longer, the gentleman took it to Mr. Cassil's and presented it to him and his family. Mr. Cassil's daughter, Martha Emily, now residing with her mother at Marysville, was born in the village, July 6, 1842, being the first child born to her parents after their settlement here.

James Kinkade, a native of the "pan-handle" in West Virginia, settled in Marysville about 1841, and on the 3d of June, 1845, married Hannah Cassil, oldest daughter of Judge Cassil and wife. He was for many years engaged in the mercantile business here, being associated twenty-five years with Philip Snider. By reason of declining health, he removed to a farm, upon which the last four years of his life were spent. His death occurred October 31, 1877. His son, J. H. Kinkade, is the present Mayor of Marysville.

William M. Robinson, known familiarly to almost everybody in the town as "Uncle Billy," has been a stanch citizen thereof for many years, and is one of the oldest native born residents of the county. He was born on his father's old farm in Darby Township, in 1808, and was at the time considerable of a curiosity, from being the only boy in the neighborhood. He married Hannah F. Crawford, in 1829, rented a farm, and stocked it with twenty-five dairy cows, and made and sold butter and cheese at 5 to 7 cents a pound. Fat hogs were then worth from $1 to $1.50 per 100 pounds, and calves, when weaned, from 75 cents to $1 each. In a few years, he bought 125 acres of land, in the woods, for which he paid $2 an acre; a few years later he purchased the old homestead of his father, and moved upon it in the spring of 1835. In 1837, he was elected Justice of the Peace, in Darby Township; in 1844, the electors of the county made him Sheriff, and he removed that year to Marysville, where he purchased a small property. He returned to Darby Township in 1849, but was elected County Recorder in 1852, sold the old farm, purchased land adjoining Marysville (including that on which Robinson's addition has since been laid out), and after his term as Recorder expired, engaged in the grocery and provision business in this place. He figured in railroad building speculations, but did not find it a paying occupation. He was agent for different fire insurance companies for more than a quarter of a century. He raised a family of seven children—four sons and three daughters; of these three sons are engaged in business in Kansas, and the others reside in Marysville. During his residence here Mr. Robinson has been Mayor of the town, for a long time Justice of the Peace, and has held the chair of President of the County Pioneer Society since its organization. His wife died in June, 1881, after sharing life with him over fifty-two years.

James and Samuel Robinson, from the region bordering on the Susquehanna River, in York County, Penn., visited Tennessee, in the winter of 1799–1800, looking for land; there they met Lucas Sullivant, who told them that if they would come with him to the Territory of Ohio, he would put them in the way of purchasing some fine land. They accepted his invitation, came with him to what is now Union County, and purchased of him 600 acres lying on the northeast bank of Darby Creek, in what is now Darby Township. The purchase was made in the name of Samuel Robinson, who was the elder of the two. Neither was then married. James Robinson was not entirely satisfied with his part of the purchase—the north 300 acres, as it had no bottom land; he sold it to his father, James Robinson, Sr., and bought 300 acres adjoining on the north, which included some bottom land. His father never came West, but gave the property to his other sons, Thomas and John, the former moving out in 1805, and the latter in 1810. James Robinson, after making his purchase, returned, in 1801, to Pennsylvania, married, and in 1805, made the journey through from the old home in Pennsylvania to the new one in Ohio, with his wife, one child, an adopted child, and his brothers Thomas and Samuel. The latter stopped at Columbus, where he was subsequently married, and did not settle on his land until 1808; he raised a large family, and died on the place. The party who came through in 1805 made the journey with a four-horse team, having in places to cut their road for a considerable distance. Mrs. James Robinson was the only woman in the party. Samuel and James had made their first trip to the neighborhood on horseback. In the spring of 1806, a daughter was born in James Robinson's family, and she became the wife of Stephenson Curry, and mother of Col. William L. Curry, present County Auditor. Her brother, William M. Robinson, was born in April, 1808, as before stated.

Philip Snider, from Lancaster County, Penn., came to Union County, Ohio, with his father, Peter Snider, May 1, 1833, the family locating in Darby Township. The elder gentleman died in 1864 at St. Louis, Mo., where he was then living. Philip Snider removed to Marysville in 1846, engaged in the butchering and meat business, and in the fall of the same year was elected Sheriff, when he relinquished other business to attend to the duties of his office. His home has since that time been in Marysville. In 1849, he purchased the interest of G. A. Cassil in the dry goods business, and took his place as partner with James Kinkade, Jr., this partnership continuing from January, 1849, until August, 1873, when Mr. Snider bought his partner's interest and has since conducted the business alone. The first location of the store was where McCampbell's shoe shop now is, a little north of the public square, on the west side of Main street, in the Cassil Block. The old firm, Cassil & Kinkade, who had been in business a year or two, purchased the store of James S. Alexander, whose location was near the same site. The latter is now a resident of Rushsylvania, Logan Co., Ohio. Mr. Snider, who was about fifteen years old when he came to the county, says there was no improvement on the London road between his father's farm and Marysville, a distance of three miles. The village amounted to very little at that date. In 1850, Mr. Snider leased from Joshua Mathiot the land south of Mathiot street, then in the woods, fenced it in and held it about two years, when the property was sold by Mathiot's administrators. At this sale, Mr. Snider purchased three lots on South Main street, now owned by Mrs. T. M. Winget, at a very low figure.

The first tavern in Marysville, kept by Matthias Collins, was a log building which stood north of the public square, on the west side of Main street, about where Philip Snider's store now is. Collins lived afterward about four miles north of Marysville, and remained many years in the neighborhood; he finally sold out and went West. His brother-in-law possibly kept the old tavern after Collins went out of it. Among the proprietors of the old American Hotel, known by several names at different times, were Chester Farnum, Norman Chipman and Bill Welsh. The old hotel sign-post stood near the center of the public square.

At the time Henry Kezartee was keeping the hotel now known as the Continental, a blind man named James Ward, commonly called "Blind Jimmie," kept a tavern on the opposite (north) side of the street, and Mr. Snider remembers that he was keeping there in 1837, or earlier. His was a log building, weatherboarded, and the institution was more of a liquor shop than a hotel. Ward was never known to be cheated on silver money; he would feel of the coin and bite it, and determine accurately in that way whether it was genuine or counterfeit.

Stephen McLain, several times mentioned, lived in the one-story frame house which is now standing opposite the store of Philip Snider.

About 1834, before the second court house was built, the trial of a man named David Thornton was held in the Presbyterian Church. Thornton had shot and killed a man named Wilmoth, and was sent to the penitentiary. He was pardoned a few years later on a petition from the citizens. Both men lived in Marysville at the time of the murder.

John B. Coats, Sr., father of Judge John B. Coats, of Marysville, was born December 25, 1785, in Guilford, Windham Co., Vt. He spent a few years in Northern and Central New York, and in 1849 came to Ohio with his son. He resided in Delaware and Union Counties until his death, which occurred at Marysville March 24, 1866, when he had passed the age of eighty years.

In 1832, three years after the American Hotel was erected, a man who was always known as Robson L. Broome came to Marysville and engaged board at said hotel. He continued a guest of that house until his death, which took place in the early part of 1875. He amassed property to the amount of $50,000 or $60,000, and after his death there was much litigation concerning it. Broome was a mysterious and eccentric character, and was thought to have lived under different aliases during the years previous to his settlement in Marysville. He was over eighty years of age when he died, and will be remembered as one of the "characters" of the town. The mystery concerning him has not yet been cleared up, although numerous parties have endeavored to establish claims to his property.

Col. Noah Orr, the "Union County Giant," died at Marysville July 1, 1882, and his funeral services were conducted by the Knights of Pythias, of which order he was a member. He was a respected citizen and a genial companion. He had a wide acquaintance throughout the country, having traveled with various exhibitions for fifteen or twenty years. When in good flesh, he weighed 550 pounds, was perfectly formed, handsome in features, and as active as a man of 200 pounds weight. He was for a time with Barnum's New York Museum, but later with the "Lilliputian Company," in which he was employed as a contrast to the midgets. As active labor was impossible for him, he earned a good support for himself and family by exhibiting his massive proportions over the land, and was everywhere admired. He delighted to relate his experiences in traveling. He was a member, also, of the Masonic fraternity and the Improved Order of Red Men. His final illness was of about three months' duration, and death ensued only after he had been subjected to severe suffering.

Joseph Newlove died at the residence of his son Garrison, this county, on the 30th day of December, 1882. Mr. Newlove was born in Wold Newton, England, October 18, 1806, came to this country with his parents, Joseph and Ann, settled in Clark County, 1821, and was married to Miss Martha Carter by Rev. S. Hinkle on the 6th day of December, 1827. They lived happily together for over fifty-three years, and had eight children, two of which died in infancy, and Mrs. Newlove, Martha, his wife, died December 13, 1880, leaving six children, four sons and two daughters, to mourn their loss. The deceased came with his family to Union County in 1849 and settled on Boke's Creek, Leesburg Township, and in 1853 was elected County Auditor and moved with his family to Marysville, where he remained a resident until his death. He was seventy-six years two months and twenty days old when he died. The deceased was a kind husband, an affectionate father and an honest, conscientious and honorable man. He was esteemed by all who became acquainted with him as a very clear head, pure in all his motives and was trusted with public business. He served as County Auditor eight years, gave full satisfaction to the people of the county, and the records he made during his term of office stand as a model for those who may follow him in that office, and since he retired from the Auditor's office he had been cashier of a bank up to death.*

A. F. Wilkins, from Ballston, Saratoga Co., N. Y., came, when a young man, to Union County, Ohio, with his parents, in 1836; the family settled in York Township. In 1854, he was elected County Surveyor, and removed to Marysville, the better to look after the duties of the office. He was married in 1844 to Harriet Jane Stuart, also a native of Saratoga County, N. Y. Her father had removed to Union County, Ohio, in 1835, and settled in Liberty Township. In the fall of 1858, Mr. Wilkins rented the American Hotel and conducted it two years; then for a year he was out of it, and at the end of that time purchased the building and carried on the hotel until the winter of 1874–75. He made many improvements in the house, and was a popular landlord. He was Justice of the Peace for many years, and for two years was Deputy County Treasurer and Treasurer, to fill out the unexpired term of D. D. Welsh, deceased. Mr. Wilkins died in the winter of 1875–76, and his widow and children are still living in Marysville. The only daughter is the wife of Col. A. B. Robinson, present Representative in the Legislature from Union County.

Robert Graham, who died at Marysville on the 4th of February, 1882, had come to Ohio with his parents about 1815, when only six years of age. His father died when the son was thirteen years old, and the latter removed, with the family, to Union County, locating in Mill Creek Township, in which he married Judith Bell, when he was twenty-one years old. He removed to Marysville about 1867–68. His wife died in 1869, and in 1870 he married Mary J. Williams, who survived him. Mr. Graham was seventy-three years of age at the time of his death.

By the tax duplicate of 1825, prepared by Stephen McLain, Assessor for Union County, the following are shown as owners of lots in Marysville, at that time: James Bell, Samuel W. Culbertson, Matthias Collins, P. Lanphere, D. Witter, Thomas Collins, David Comer, George Harris, Rollin Harvey, Joseph S. Conklin, John N. Conklin, Leonard Kirkwood. Philip Jarbo, John Leeper, Stephen McLain, John McLain, David Miller, Hezekiah Bates, Levi Phelps, Daniel Miller, Thomas Osborn, Silas G. Strong, Joseph Stewart's heirs, Thomas F. Woods, Amos A. Williams.

In 1831, the following names appear: Hezekiah Bates, William Campbell, David Comer's heirs, Matthias Collins, Thomas Collins, John N. Conklin (spelled Conkelon on the duplicate), Joseph N. Conklin, Newton Hicks, George Harris, Samuel B. Johnson, Philip Jarbo, Joseph Kiger, Pierce Lanphere, John Leeper, Cyprian Lee, Stephen McLain, John R. McLain, Daniel Miller, Joshua Mathiot, Thomas Osborn, Levi Phelps, Alexander Pollock, Silas G. Strong, Joseph Stewart, George Snodgrass, Thomas Snodgrass, Enos Wood, David Witter, Amos A. Williams, Adam Wolford, Ira Wood.

In 1840, the number was considerably greater, as follows: N. and J. Adamson, Joshua Antrim (not in the county), James S. Alexander, William Alexander, Jacob Bouser, Hezekiah Bates, R. L. Broome (first appears on duplicate in 1834), William Campbell, Ransom Clark, Levi Churchill, Matthias Collins, Dennis Collins, Elijah Collins, Philander B. Cole, Otway Curry, Dr. Jeremiah Curl, William A. Denton (non-resident), James W. Evans, Heman Ferris, William Gregg, Christian Gowl, Sidney Gilbert, Joshua Gore (non-resident), James January, Samuel B. Johnson, Henry Kezartee, Benjamin F. Kelsey, Cyprian Lee, William C. Lawrence, Lee & Wasson, Stephen McLain, John R. McLain's heirs, Elizabeth Miller, Joshua Mathiot (non-resident), Rodney Picket, William M. Page, Alexander Pollock, Levi

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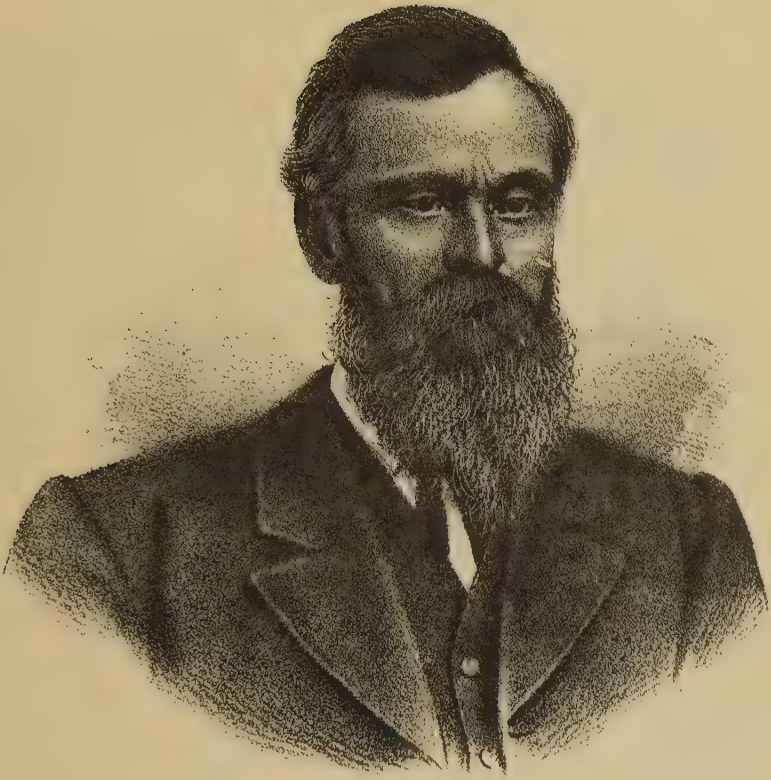
*From obituary notice in Marysville paper.



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Phelps, William Ross, Elisha Reynolds, William Snodgrass, David Sprague, Silas G. Strong, Peyton B. Smith, William Steele, William B. Spears, William Said, James Taylor (non-resident), Robert Thornton, Calvin Winget's heirs, Mains Wasson, William W. Woods, Ira Wood's heirs, James Ward, Adam Wolford, David Wells, David Witter, Felix G. Wingfield.

MARYSVILLE IN 1837.

The "Ohio Gazetteer," published at Columbus, in 1837, contained the following regarding this town:

"Marysville, a small post town and seat of justice for Union County. It is situated on the south bank of Mill Creek, in Paris Township, about sixteen miles from Delaware, thirty northwest from Columbus, thirty northerly from London, twenty-four northeast from Urbana and twenty southeast of Bellefontaine; north latitude 40° 17′, west longitude 6° 24′. It is situated on the western side of the Virginia Military Survey, No. 3351, which was surveyed for Edward Dowse and patented to Stephens T. Mason, of Loudoun County, Va., and that third part thereof, on which the town is laid out, was subsequently transferred to Samuel W. Culbertson, Esq., of Zanesville, who had the town surveyed. It contains a brick court house and a jail, forty-five dwelling houses, one tavern, three stores, one practicing physician, two attorneys and about 250 inhabitants."

From a copy of the first newspaper published in Union County—*Our Freedom and Union County Advertiser*—dated March 22, 1839, several interesting items have been taken. The "Marysville Lyceum" was then in existence, and the question for discussion at its meeting Saturday evening, March 23, 1839, was: "*Resolved*, that the course pursued by the Government of the United States toward the aborigines of this country has been and is unjust, and in violation of their natural and civil rights."

Henry Kezartee advertised that he would pay the highest price for oats. Levi Churchill, Jr., had for sale two inlots in Marysville, with a large two-story frame house and a stable. Stephen McLain advertised a "cabinet shop for sale," in this manner: "The subscriber offers for sale a lot of ground in the town of Marysville, situated on Main street, three lots from the public square, with a shop suitable for carrying on the cabinet or chair making business. Said shop is furnished with three good turning lathes and a quantity of tools. Two of said lathes are operated upon by horse-power. N. B.—There is but one shop in operation in this place, so that the situation is a good one." Mr. McLain removed, previous to March, 1840, to Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio. W. H. & J. W. Frank owned the other cabinet shop, formerly occupied by Calvin Winget.

The copartnership previously existing between Harvey Criswell and Joshua Antrim, tailors, had been dissolved March 4, 1839. W. W. Woods, proprietor of the "cheap cash store," sold all sorts of merchandise, including pork and B. B. Clark's family medicines. Ward, Snodgrass & Co., at the "new cash store," advertised a general stock under date of February 8, 1839. Their establishment was on the northwest corner of the public square, where McCloud's drug store now is; they sold out to J. S. Alexander and the latter to Cassil & Kinkade. Hall & Kinney, and William C. Lawrence, attorneys and counselors at law, occupied offices in the court house. Joshua Gore was proprietor of a "new cash store" on Main street, "in Mr. Pollock's new building," and offered to take Manhattan money at par for all kinds of goods. William and A. S. Tharp had dissolved partnership. Union Hall, now the American Hotel, was then kept by Chester Farnum, and was a well-known and popular stand. It had been recently refitted, and Mr. Farnum advertised that he kept a good table, a good bar and good stock, and the bills were moderate. The property was offered for sale March 26, 1839, by its owner, Peter Igou, of Urbana; Mr. Farnum was still occupying it. P. B. Cole, attorney at law, had his office one door north of W. W. Woods' store.

In the same paper, of date July 17, 1839, David Reed offered a farm of 115 acres, in Allen Township, for sale. April 25, 1839, Hare & Hughes began working at the hat business in Marysville, on the southwest corner of the public square, "directly opposite W. W. Woods' store." Samuel A. Cherry announced (date of advertisement, June 6, 1839) that he had begun the tailoring business in a shop immediately opposite the court house.

In the *Union Star*, dated December 20, 1839, it is noticed that Dr. M. Wood had an office on the southeast side of the public square, one door north of McIlvain & Harriott's. He died some time during that winter. Dr. J. Curl's office was on Main street, east of the court house, and Dr. Sewall Hosford, a reform botanical physician, was also a resident of the village. Curl and Hosford had both located in Marysville in the fall of 1839. Hare & Hughes and McIlvain & Harriott, two firms of hatters, dissolved partnership, the former in December, and the latter in November, 1839. Hughes continued at the business. In March, 1842, there was not a hatter in the whole county, and the citizens of Marysville were anxious to have one locate in their midst.

J. S. Alexander and L. P. Sturdevant announced in the issue of February 5, 1841, that they had bought the stock of James L. Ward, opposite the brick hotel, and were continuing the business. A. C. Jennings and W. C. Malin were partners in the saddle and harness making business, at the old stand of Evans & Jennings, which firm had dissolved. Jackson G. Sprague, at his shop in the old court house, made and kept on hand wheels, reels, chairs, bedsteads, sash, etc. He afterward removed to Illinois. Otway Curry, attorney at law, opened an office in the town in 1840. Under date of January 28, 1841, is found the following:

"Military alarm! All those who have muskets in their possession belonging to the Light Infantry Company in Marysville are required to deposit them with Major James M. Wilkinson forthwith, by order of Major General Bond."

In July, 1859, a census of Marysville, taken by Thomas Snodgrass and Smith Alexander, showed the place to have a population of 981—forty less than in the previous December. In August, 1865, the place contained six dry goods stores, one hardware store, nine or ten groceries, a mill, a woolen factory, and most of the trades and professions. It had gained much in the previous five or six years, and at that time began to improve rapidly.

In August, 1877, when excavations were being made for the foundation of the new city hall, the workmen unearthed an old tan vat. Its existence there was a mystery, until finally George Snodgrass, Sr., remembered that about fifty or fifty-one years before, a man named Kirkwood came to the place and put down two or three vats with the view of entering into the tanning business here. The overseers of the poor seemed to be afraid the man would become a charge on their hands, and warned him to leave the town ; this so incensed him that he soon afterward became insane, and his death occurred at a little later period. When the old vats were brought to light after the lapse of half a century, the planks in them were as sound as on the day they were sunk. An old well was also discovered at the same time the vats were found, and it became necessary to turn an arch over it in the wall of the city hall foundation. There was also an old cellar, filled up with bricks, chips, earth, etc.

THE MARYSVILLE POST OFFICE.

It is not definitely known by the oldest citizens of the town when the office was established, but it must have been very soon after the place was made the county seat, as Silas G. Strong was Postmaster in February, 1824, and had been a short time in office previous to that date. He was doubtless the first incumbent, and continued in the position until 1839 or later. He was succeeded by William Steele, who held the office but a short time. George W. Cherry, whose name appears January 1, 1841, succeeded Steele, and early in 1847 turned the office over to John Cassil, his successor. January 1, 1851, the name of W. H.

Frank appears in the list, and he was succeeded by W. M. Smith on the 1st of November, 1853. The next incumbent was W. P. Anderson, who took the office in 1861. He was succeeded by C. Turner, in or previous to 1864. Early in 1865, David Edwards was appointed, but in March, 1867, he resigned and Alvin Thompson was appointed. Dwight Webb, the present incumbent, succeeded Thompson, February 1, 1880.

The following entries are found in the back part of the Union County tax duplicate for 1837:

"January 4, 1838.—Peyton B. Smith moved into my house on part of Inlot No. 51, in Marysville, for which, and the use of Inlot No. 62, in Marysville, the said Smith agrees to pay me $4.37½ per month rent, the same to be paid monthly. A. POLLOCK."

"October 8, 1838.—Mr. William Thorp:—Please to pay Alexander Pollock $5.07 and take your pay out of the undivided flour of P. B. Smith.

"SAMUEL BRADFORD."

In the winter of 1850–51, a steam saw-mill was erected by Joseph Paxton, in the northeast part of town. In September, 1878, the present iron bridge over Mill Creek, north of town, was built.

Early in January, 1859, A. Ream took charge of the "Union House," now known as the Continental. P. S. Ream was the owner. It was afterward known as the St. Clair House, and in the winter of 1876–77 was raised a story higher and a mansard roof put on by its proprietor, William S. Smith. The name was then changed to Continental Hotel. Smith rented the building to Harry Sheridan, in June, 1877, and the latter conducted it until December, 1882, when Mr. Smith again assumed charge.

FIRST CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH OF JULY IN MARYSVILLE.

An article in the Marysville *Tribune* of July 10, 1878, contains the following account of the first celebration of the anniversary of the independence of the United States in this place:

"The first Fourth of July ever celebrated in Marysville was in 1828. The surrounding country at that time was a wilderness indeed, and Marysville was an insignificant point with apparently no future other than an obscure village. There were only seven families residing in it, viz.: Silas G. Strong, George Snodgrass, Stephen McLain, George Winters, Daniel Miller, Newton Hicks and a Widow Kiger—making with their families a population of about twenty. It was customary in all Fourth of July celebrations in almost every part of the country to get up a big dinner, and all who could raise enough money to pay considered it a patriotic duty to partake. Uncle George Snodgrass and Aunt Hannah, who were married the February before, got up the dinner for this pioneer celebration. The place where it was served was in the woods on the next lot west of that on which Judge Woods' residence stands, and on the spot where the Judge has his grape arbor. Silas G. Strong owned the lot on which Mr. Woods' residence is located. He had a log house erected on it, in which Uncle George and Aunt Hannah kept hotel. This was the first hotel ever opened in the village, and Mr. Strong and wife boarded with them. About seventy-five persons sat down to the table, each paying seventy-five cents for the repast. A Mr. Hubbell had a short time previous carted a few goods to this point from Springfield, and the groceries needed for the occasion were purchased of him. The dishes to set the table were obtained in Milford Center, there not being enough in this village and surrounding country to furnish the table. The cherries, currants and vegetables were purchased of Mr. Anson Howard, who resided south of Woodstock, on the farm now owned by his son, Pearl Howard. The speakers for the occasion were James Biggs and John H. James, the latter still living and a resident of Urbana, Ohio. Toasts were given (but were not drank in 'old rye,' as was not infrequently the case in that day) and responses were made at the table—a custom that has almost entirely died out. In the intervals between the reading of the toasts, a cannon was fired, or in lieu of a cannon a few rifles answered, and the patriotic crowd would add to the fervor by hearty hurrahs. A few are still living who were guests at that Fourth of July dinner.

"In 1824, there were only four families in the village; and from 1824 to 1828; there were only three families added. This was a strangely slow beginning of the nucleus from which has grown our lively little city. But this may be accounted for by the contention that was going on to make Milford the permanent county seat. The village then and for several years afterward did not cover over an acre or two of ground at farthest, and lots were offered as low as $5 without finding a purchaser. The $5 was as difficult to obtain then as $100 are now. Very little that was produced on the few new farms that were being opened could be sold for ready cash at any price; but the pioneers, nevertheless, lived happily, for everything in the way of food and clothing was produced by the family, and such a thing as idleness was unknown. The old citizens still living, who began life in their wilderness homes fifty years ago in this section of country, can very vividly trace the outlines by which a wilderness is changed into a cultivated and populous country."

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

The Methodist Episcopal Church.—The organization of this society in Marysville occurred probably in 1827. George Snodgrass, in writing of the early affairs of the place, says: "We were in the bounds of London Circuit at that time. Two preachers were on the circuit, one by the name of Samuel P. Shaw, preacher in charge, the other by the name of John C. Havens. They offered to form a class or church if we could raise seven members, and we set out to raise that number. George Minturn and lady, Miss Hannah Fox (sister of Mrs. Minturn, who afterward became my wife), Newton Hicks and lady, and myself, made six members. Silas G. Strong, a Presbyterian, gave us his name, making the seven members. We were organized in George Minturn's house, perhaps 18x20, and had preaching there until we could build a church. George Minturn was the Class Leader."

Mr. Shaw's home was about six miles east of London, Madison County, and he was the pioneer Methodist preacher of this vicinity. His circuit extended from near Columbus to about forty miles west, taking in an area so large that it required four weeks to make the tour around the circuit. One appointment was at Amrine's, one and a half miles northwest of Marysville.

Beginning with 1841, the following have been ministers of this church and the Presiding Elders of the district: 1841—Zachariah Connell, P. E., James Parcels, Joseph W. Smith, pastors of Marysville Circuit; 1842—Wesley Webster, pastor; 1843—William Simmons, P. E., and John W. Young and Thomas Hurd, pastors; 1844—C. B. Warrington and Ebenezer Chase, pastors; 1845–46—Wesley Webster and T. M. Gossard, pastors; 1847—James L. Grover, P. E., and P. F. Holtzinger and M. Coffman, pastors; 1849—J. W. Clark, P. E., and David Sharp and James Gilruth, pastors; 1850—S. C. Riker, pastor; 1851—H. Brooks, P. E.; Ebenezer Chase and Samuel M. Merrill (now Bishop Merrill), pastors; 1853—Uriah Heath, P. E.; T. D. Martindale and Lovett Taft, pastors; 1854—J. S. Adams and D. Mann, pastors; 1854—J. C. Haven, Supernumerary, connected with this circuit; 1855—Zachariah Connell, P. E.; H. Wharton, J. T. Miller, pastors; 1857—J. F. Longman, B. Low, pastors; 1858—W. B. Grantham, R. B. Bennett, pastors; 1859—J. M. Jamieson, P. E.; H. H. Ferris, G. G. West, pastors; this ends the work as a circuit, and Marysville has since been a station. In 1860, it was made a part of the Central Ohio Conference, to which it still belongs. 1860–62, Loring C. Webster, pastor; 1862—Amos Wilson, pastor one year; 1863—Thomas H. Wilson P. E.; Henry E. Pilcher, pastor two years (is now living six miles from Marysville, on the road to Newton); 1864—Leonard B. Gurley, P. E.; 1865—N. B. C. Love, pastor three years; 1867—Alexander Harmount, P. E.; 1868—H. S. Bradley, pastor two years; 1870, James F. Mounts, pastor two years; 1871—Daniel D. Mather, P. E.; 1872—Oliver Kennedy, pastor one year; 1873—S. H. Alderman, pastor two years; 1875—David Rutledge, P. E.; John Francis Davies, pastor three years; 1878—Parker P. Pope, pastor two years; 1879—Isaac Newton, P. E.; now in that position; 1880–83—A. Harmount, pastor.

In 1853, a lot formerly occupied by Felix G. Wingfield with a cooper-shop was purchased for church purposes, and a building fitted up. It was burned September 25, 1863, being at the time used for a hay press by Woods & Dolbear. It was a frame structure. The present brick church owned by the society was dedicated in 1856, and stands on East Center street. During 1882, over $2,000 were expended upon it in repairs upon its interior. The site is the one purchased in 1853. A parsonage was built in the summer of 1871, on ground now included in the new court house lots. The property was sold to the county, and the present parsonage was purchased by the trustees of the church in 1880; it was formerly the residence of J. B. Whelpley, and is located on South East street. The church in December, 1882, had a membership of about 240, and the Sunday school had 170 members; Prof. L. B. Demorest, Superintendent. It also has a library of about 500 volumes.

The Presbyterian Church.—The history of this church as here given, from its organization to July, 1876, is from an historical sermon delivered by the pastor, Rev. William G. March, July 9, 1876.

Several families located in Marysville during its earlier years who were members of or friendly to the Presbyterian Church, and they were occasionally visited by missionaries, who preached to them; one of these was Rev. W. J. Frazer, who was sent out by the Synod of Cincinnati as missionary in the Miami Valley. He lived to an advanced age, and died in a recent year in Illinois, Rev. Ebenezer Washburn, in a letter from Worthington, Ohio, dated September 23, 1829, to the Secretary of Home Missions, reports as follows concerning the work in this section. "The region where I have been preaching is now wholly occupied, i. e., Mr. Allen, one of your missionaries, is employed in Madison and Union Counties. Marion County and the destitute congregations in Delaware and Franklin Counties are occupied by the A. H. M. Society." Mr. March thus describes the organization of the church at Marysville:

"After Mr. Allen had prospected this field, he held a meeting on the 9th of September A. D. 1829, in the house of Stephen McLain, in Marysville, for the purpose of examining candidates with reference to the organization of a Presbyterian Church in this place. Mr. Allen, President at this meeting. Two Elders from the church of Upper Liberty (now Milford Center) were present, Samuel Reed, 1st, and William Gabriel, Sr. Thirteen candidates were present, who were severally examined without regard to their former church connection. Eleven of this number were approved as suitable persons to constitute a church. The articles of faith and covenant were proposed to the candidates and no objections were made to them. In the evening the candidates met in the court house, where Mr. Allen preached from Acts, xx, 28. After the sermon, a public assent was given to the articles of faith, and one received the ordinance of baptism; and the following constituted the first members of the Presbyterian Church of Marysville: From other churches—Eri Strong, Stephen McLain, Nancy McLain, Silas G. Strong, Mana Strong, Mrs. Phebe Adamson, Mrs. Mary Richey; on profession of their faith—James Richey, William Richey, Mrs. Sarah Phelps, Mrs. Catharine January. At this same meeting, Eri Strong and Stephen McLain were elected, ordained and installed Ruling Elders over this infant church." Rev. D. C. Allen continued his labors until April 16, 1861, receiving thirty-four members into the church; he administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper for the first time November 15, 1829. Some of the entries in Mr. Allen's journal and reports are as follows:

"September 9, 1829.—In the afternoon, went to Marysville to organize a church Two Elders from Upper Liberty congregation and myself examined thirteen candidates for church membership and received eleven. Four of these had not made public profession and seven were from other churches. At night, preached a sermon, baptized one adult, organized a church and ordained two Ruling Elders. The meeting was pretty well attended. May the Lord bless and own this little vine, as of His own right hand's planting. This is the county seat of Union, and it was highly important that a church should have an early existence here, as the village is forming its character. The Methodists had been operating here for some time. Their number is yet small."

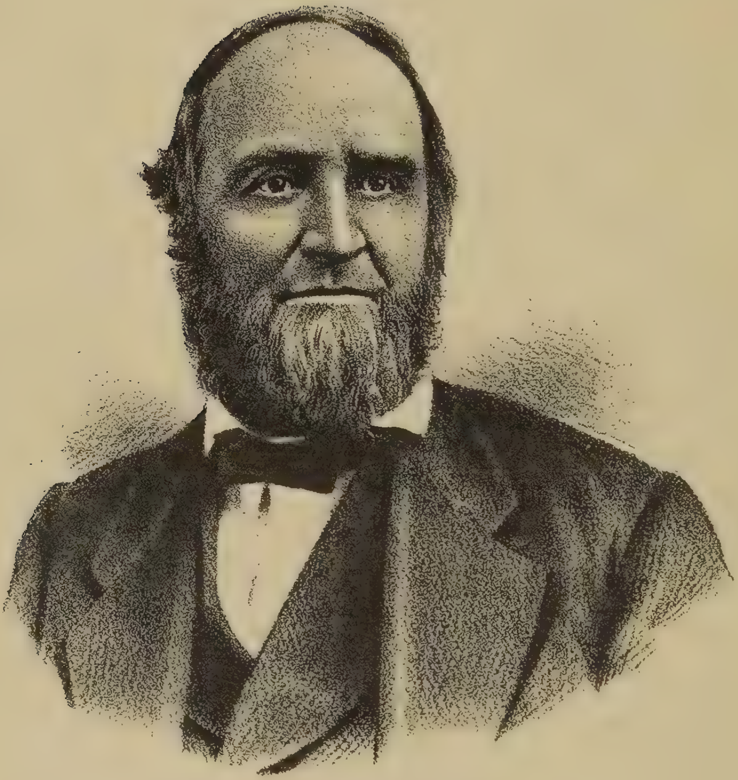
"September 29.—Preached in Marysville at night on the subject of temperance. Pretty good number out. Among them were some intemperate people. May the Lord favor the cause of temperance. One intemperate man walked about the house with anger. Several persons here have drawn up resolutions in favor of temperance, and annexed their signatures to them. I hope a temperance society will be formed soon. One store has been commenced without any spirits, and one merchant has resolved to purchase no more."

"February 23, 1830.—At night, attended the meeting of lecture and prayer in Marysville. Pretty good number out considering the wet. Villagers are poor hands to stand the mud. * * * A few days ago a whisky drinker in M——e attempted to raise a log cabin. During the first day he had but five hands—of course the work moved on slowly. They raised the walls seven or eight feet. The next day a temperance man advised him to leave his bottle behind and he would have plenty of hands, or the cold water men could put up his building directly. Having been assured the thing would be done he (swore) he would go without the bottle. The 'men of strength' came forward, and effected the work in good time and order."

May 16, 1830, Dr. Ira Wood, who had become a member of the church, was ordained and installed as Ruling Elder. By a special act of the Ohio Legislature in February, 1831, "The first Presbyterian Church of Marysville, Ohio," was incorporated; by this act, Dr. Ira Wood, James Richey and Silas G. Strong were appointed Trustees to serve until the first Monday in the following March, when, and annually thereafter, the corporation was required to elect three Trustees and one Clerk. At the first election the above named persons were chosen Trustees, and Stephen McLain, Clerk. The congregation and session frequently met at Mr. McLain's house for business and religious purposes. Public services were held at first in the old wooden court house, and also, for a time, in the subsequent brick court house. February 16, 1832, a meeting was held at Mr. McLain's house to consider the question of building a house of worship for the society. A subscription was at that time started, headed as follows, and signed by seventeen persons, who subscribed a total of $435: "For the purpose of erecting a house of public worship in Inlot No. 43, in the town of Marysville, of such form and size and on such a plan as to *intitle* the First Presbyterian Congregation in Marysville to a deed for the east half of said lot from Joshua Mathiot, Esq., whose bond, with conditions, the Trustees of said congregation now hold, we, the undersigned, agree and bind ourselves to pay to James Richey, Ira Wood, and Silas G. Strong, as Trustees of said congregation, or their successors in office, the sums set to our names respectively; one-half to be paid on or before the first day of September next ensuing the date hereof, and the residue on the first day of September, 1833." Mr. Strong was empowered to draft a plan for the new building, which was to be of brick, 40x50 feet in dimensions, and he was also authorized to make contracts for its construction and see that they were carried out. The work went on slowly, and the house was not occupied until 1835 or 1836. Mr. Strong invested largely from his own means in the building, and owing to the poverty or mismanagement of the church he was not reimbursed; and the building became his property. It subsequently, by execution or transfer, passed into the hands of a New York or Philadelphia merchant, who was a creditor of Mr. Strong. For a time the building was closed to public worship; the church became separated into Old School and New School, and, in the spring of 1844, the former obtained an eight years' lease of the Smith Academy building, then in the process of erection. This contract was set aside by mutual agreement at the end of six years, and the congregation once more occupied the old building, which had been purchased of its Eastern owner for $950 or $975. The annual Congregational Meeting in March, 1849, was held in the brick church and the custom was adopted of assessing the pews for the purpose of raising money to support the pastor. This practice was continued for several years.

"Upon the walls of many a memory," says Mr. March, "hangs the picture of this old brick church. In vivid outline it stands before the mind's eye, 'grand, gloomy and peculiar.' On a bright Sabbath morning the crowd of worshipers flock to this temple gate, but there are two flights of stairs on the outside to be ascended as a good exercise of breath and muscles, to reach the gates. These entered, and a look to one side will show you the pulpit and preacher at the entrance way; and now the momentum of the ascending exercise brings you to another step that lifts you up one or two feet, and then you can find a seat; or, moving forward, you rise higher until at the greatest distance from the preacher you will find yourself perched in the highest seat of the synagogue, where a good view is obtained of the hapless wights that come in later, and before the stare of glittering eyes may stumble over the middle step and dash forward to the same elevation. There never was a church building better adapted to give variety and spice to the dull monotony of seating a congregation. More than once have I seen a titter spread over the placid countenance of some roguish boy or girl, as the eyes regaled themselves at the discomfiture of a gay lady or swaggering youth that swept up the aisle, but suddenly halted and stoutly resisted the tendency to a horizontal posture. But the ludicrous was not always present. Many a time and to many a soul has this old structure been truly the 'house of God and the very gates of Heaven.' 'The Lord is in His holy temple.' Tears of joy, sighs of sorrow, the smiles of heavenly satisfaction, the uplifted heart, the songs of praise and the glad tidings of salvation have filled these holy walls and made their impress for time and eternity."

About 1866, a movement was made toward the erection of a new church building, and materials for it were gathered on the ground in the fall of 1867. The corner-stone was laid July 31, 1868, and the building was dedicated Sunday, March 20, 1870, at which time were present Revs. James Smith, John W. Drake and A. E. Thomson, former pastor, and W. G. March, pastor then in charge. The structure is built of brick, is 45x70 feet in dimensions, surmounted by a tower, and stands near the northwest corner of Center and West streets. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Mr. Thomson, and the prayer by Mr. Drake. The entire cost of the building, including fixtures, was about $12,000. When this church was organized, it was connected with Columbus Presbytery, but in 1835 it became a part of Marion Presbytery, when the latter was constituted, and still retains that connection. Mr. Allen, as stated, was its first pastor. Succeeding him came Rev. Benjamin Dolbear, from the spring of 1831 to that of 1834. During 1834 and 1835, Revs. Benjamin W. Higby, J. W. Lawton and —— Sampson were here at different times, and in 1835, Rev. James Peregrin, a native of Wales, entered upon the work. In 1837, he removed to Indiana, where he died in 1862, a member of the Madison Presbytery. For several years after he left, the church at Marysville was without a pastor, although Rev. William D. Smith was here in January, 1838. It is not shown that he was ever installed as pastor. He was from Washington County, Penn., and began his labors in the ministerial field in 1831. He was for some time engaged in missionary work among the Indians west of Missouri. In August, 1841, he became a resident of Springfield, Ohio, and in September, 1845, he accepted a professorship in Anderson's Collegiate Institute, at New Albany, Ind., to which city he removed; his death occurred there October 2, 1848. In the fall of 1838, this church had forty-eight members enrolled; twenty had been dismissed since its organization to join other churches, and six had died. Rev. James Smith came to Marysville in the fall of 1841, and preached here as supply and pastor about ten years, his relation being dissolved in the spring of 1851. During a portion of this time, he supplied Corinth Church, about six miles north of Marysville, and also conducted an academy in the latter place. He was also a native of Washington County, Penn., and was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Washington, Penn., in 1829. He died at Marysville, June 2, 1874. Rev. John W. Drake first visited the place in October, 1851, commenced preaching regularly on the first Sabbath in 1852, and was ordained and installed October 7, 1852. His pastoral relation was dissolved April 7, 1858. He died April 19, 1875, at Bluffton, Ind. Soon after his departure from Marysville, he was succeeded by Rev. J. K. Kost, who became stated supply, a position he filled until January, 1860, when he resigned. Rev. Albert E. Thomson was his successor, coming in May, 1860, and beginning his labors as stated supply on the 26th of July following. He was installed as pastor in September, 1861, his charge including the churches at Marysville and Milford. In 1865, he became Superintendent of the Marysville schools, and resigned his Milford pastorate. In February, 1867, he left Marysville and removed to Galion, Ohio, but went in October, 1874, to Rushville, Ind., where he became pastor of the Presbyterian Church and was also subsequently chosen superintendent of common schools in Rush County. His successor at Marysville was Rev. William G. March, whose labors began here in the early part of 1868. He continued as pastor thirteen years, and resigned in the spring of 1881. The next pastor is the present incumbent, Rev. William A. Ferguson, who came December 18, 1881, and was installed as pastor, May 11, 1882. The following persons have served as Ruling Elders in this church since its organization: Stephen McLain, Eri Strong, ordained at organization; Dr. Ira Wood, ordained May 16, 1830; John R. McLain, ordained, and James L. Ward, installed, August 1, 1835; William Richey, Jr., Silas G. Strong, ordained August 7, 1836; James H. Gill, installed March 1, 1838; Cyprian Lee, ordained, William Cratty, installed, January, 1843; Thomas Brown, ordained, Alexander Stirratt, installed, April 5, 1850; Cyrus A. Phelps, James W. Robinson, Stephen Winget, ordained November 17, 1855; Alvin Thompson, Leonidas Piper, ordained December 31, 1871. Messrs. Brown, Robinson, Thompson and Piper are the present Elders. The trustees are Robert Robinson, D. F. McKitrick and Salem W. Pearse. The memberhip on the 14th of December, 1882, was 187, at



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which time the Sunday school had a memberhip of about 190. A. H. Beightler was then Superintendent of the latter. W. L. Curry, present Superintendent. The school has a good library. During Mr. Ferguson's pastorate, about $1,800 have been expended on the church property in repairs and improvements.

The Congregational Church.—The following appears in the manual of the Congregational Church of Marysville, published in 1877: "This church was organized thirty-seven years ago as a New School Presbyterian Church, but with the utmost harmony it became a Congregational Church twelve years ago, i. e., in 1864. During all its history, it has been active and enterprising. Especially have the women of this church been workers for the cause. A spirit of harmony has marked the life of the church. Efforts to save perishing sinners have been frequent. Protracted meetings have often been held with gracious ingatherings into the fold of Christ. From the very first the Wednesday prayer meeting has been sustained and well attended. All the pastors of this church have labored earnestly to promote the cause of pure and undefiled religion in this community, and are remembered with respect and affection. The following is a list of the pastors, in their order, and the length of their pastorates: Rev. W. H. Rodgers, three years; Rev. Henry Shields, three years; Rev. E. J. Moore, one year; Rev. Henry Bushnell, five years; Rev. J. Evarts Weed, two years; Rev. Walter Mitchell, twelve years; Rev. P. G. Buchanan, two years; Rev. M. K. Pasco, one year and a half; Rev. W. E. Lincoln, two years and nine months. John Guthrie, John F. Eaton, William Lee, E. H. Beardsley, S. A. Cherry, A. Morey, J. H. Shearer, O. M. Scott, F. Wood, T. Liggett and J. W. Starr have worthily filled the office of Deacon."

Rev. W. A. James succeeded Mr. Lincoln as pastor, and remained about three years. His successor is Rev. Homer Thrall, the present pastor, who came in December, 1879. The officers of the church in December, 1882, were: Deacons—J. H. Shearer, Templeton Liggett, S. A. Cherry, William Lee; Clerk—William Lee; Treasurer—Templeton Liggett; Trustees—Samuel W. Dolbear, Dr. R. P. Anderson, J. H. Shearer, A. S. Chapman, O. M. Scott. The membership at the same time was about 135, while the Sunday school, of which John A. Brown was Superintendent, was over 100. A good library is possessed by the school. Materials for a church building were placed on the ground at the northeast corner of West and South streets, in July, 1871, and the building was raised that year, the corner-stone being laid on the 31st of August. Rev. M. K. Pasco, the pastor, and Rev. W. G. March, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, conducted the exercises. The lecture room was dedicated on Sunday, August 4, 1872, and the building proper March 14, 1878, being at the time nearly completed. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. R. G. Hutchins, of Columbus, Ohio. The parsonage, located in the rear of the church, was completed in 1881. In 1882, an iron fence was built around the lot, and a new bell, weighing 1,000 pounds, was hung in the tower in December of the same year. The parsonage cost something over $1,500, and was paid for from the proceeds of the "Buckeye Cook Book," which was compiled by a committee of the ladies of Marysville. The value of the entire property of the church is about $12,000, which is nearly the actual cost.

African Methodist Episcopal Church.—This society was organized in 1879, with eleven members, by Rev. Nathaniel Mitchell, of Portsmouth, Ohio, who became pastor and so continued until October, 1882. He was sent from here to Lebanon, Ohio, and Rev. J. W. Jackson was transferred from that place to Marysville, being the present pastor of this church. Ground was purchased on North street, of Samuel Amrine, and the present brick house of worship owned by the society was erected upon it in 1879-80, being dedicated on the

1st of February in the latter year, by Bishop Wyman of Baltimore, Md. Sufficient funds were raised at the time to pay an indebtedness of over $300. The entire cost of the church property has been about $1,500. The membership, December 13, 1882, was about thirty. Services are held three times each Sunday, and the Sunday school also has a regular session. The latter is in a prosperous condition.

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes (*Roman Catholic*).—In this parish are included about forty families, whose pastor is Rev. Father A. D. Dexter, the incumbent since January 1, 1882. The frame church of this congregation, located on Water street, near the railroad station, was built in the summer of 1866, and dedicated on the 20th of September in that year. It is 30x40 feet in dimensions. (A more extended sketch of this church was promised, but has failed to make its appearance.)

German Lutheran Church.—The promised historical account of this church has not been forthcoming, and but little can be given concerning it. December 20, 1875, the "St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Marysville, Ohio," was incorporated; officers were elected and the organization completed. November 9, 1878; the "Evangelical Lutheran German Trinity Church" was incorporated, with Oldest G. Zwerner, J. Asman, Jacob Hauser, Sebastian Imloff, as Elders, and G. Scheiderer, C. Muhlenbruch and Philip Ruprecht, Trustees. These societies have been consolidated, and have erected a fine new brick church, of which the corner-stone was laid August 13, 1882. The society previously worshiped in a small brick church on South Main street.

SCHOOLS.

In 1876, an article upon the schools of Marysville was prepared by F. Wood, Superintendent, and the preparation is here given as written and published in a volume entitled "Historical Sketches, Ohio, Public Schools," in the same year:

"The history of education in Marysville, for the first thirty years after its settlement, is not a matter of record. There are people living in this community, however, who have been residents from a date as early as the settlement of the place.

"The first cabin within the present boundaries of Marysville was built in 1818, by Jonathan Summers, a Quaker. The town was laid out in 1819, by Samuel Culbertson, and made the county seat in 1822. It cannot be ascertained that any public arrangement was made for schools till about 1825. The early settlers, however, appreciating the necessity of education, united in sustaining private schools almost from the settlement of the place. Mr. Silas G. Strong had an active part in the location of the county seat at Marysville, and was an efficient public officer for a series of years. In 1822 or 1823, Mrs. Strong, his wife, taught a school in her own home, of some ten or twelve scholars, and was compensated by the parents of her pupils, though it cannot be ascertained that there was a fixed rate of tuition. Mr. Christopher Stiner, now living near Marysville, was one of her pupils. Mrs. Strong's was the first school in the place. She taught only the elementary branches, using a variety of books, such as were in possession of the families from which her scholars came. It is supposed that at this time there were some twelve or fifteen families within two miles of Marysville. The first court house was built in 1822, and in it most of the schools were held until 1831. Occasionally private schools were taught in dwelling houses happening to be unoccupied at the time. Mrs. Strong, it is confidently affirmed, taught one or more terms in the court house after it was built. It is thought that Mr. Peyton B. Smith was the first male teacher, and that he taught in 1825. Mr. Clement Twiford taught his first school in Marysville in 1826, and continued to teach, at different times, for five or six years. Mr. George Snodgrass, now living in Marysville, taught a school in 1828 in a log cabin in the east part of town. In the winter of 1830–31, Mr. Taber Randall, now a resident of the town, and for several terms Clerk of the Court, taught in the court house, receiving $14 per month, and paying 87½ cents per week for full board at the hotel. The same building (the American) is still used for a public house, and the present Superintendent of the school paid $5.50 per week for board there in 1868. In the winter of 1831–32, Mr. Robert Andrew taught, commencing the school in the court house in September, and in October going into the new frame school house in the southeast part of the village, then just completed, being the first building erected in the place for school purposes. Hon. William C. Lawrence, for a number of years, until his death in 1846, a prominent lawyer in the county, assisted by his brother John, taught during the winter of 1832–33, having, it is thought, some seventy-five scholars, and receiving in compensation $100 for a term of three months.

"In the winter of 1834–35, the number of scholars had so increased that it was decided to employ two teachers. Mr. B. F. Kelsey taught in the schoolhouse, and Miss Marietta Kimball in a log cabin in the west part of town. After this time, it was usual to employ two teachers one of the terms in the year. Among the teachers were Rev. James H. Gill, Heman Ferris, John F. Kinney (now Judge Kinney, of Nebraska), Miss Eliza Ewing, Miss Martha Jane Thompson (now Mrs. Judge Woods, late of Marysville, but at present living at Minneapolis, Minn.), Miss Clarinda Westbrook, before 1840. Miss Mary Irwin and Miss Susan Pollock also taught at an early day. In the winter of 1838–39, there were three public schools—Mr. Kelsey in the schoolhouse, Miss Thompson in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Miss Westbrook in the basement of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the winter of 1839–40, Mr. Charles Sanders taught in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, his school numbering nearly 100 scholars. He introduced the spelling book already published by himself, and afterward published a series of readers which had a wide circulation. In the winter of 1842–43, three men were employed to teach the schools, now embracing 200 or more pupils—Messrs. B. F. Kelsey, Levi Lyons and James Henderson. From 1840, and perhaps sooner, there began to be felt a need of better facilities for obtaining an education than the common schools afforded. In the summer of 1843, Miss Caroline S. Humphrey opened the first high school taught in Marysville. In two or three instances a class in some of the higher branches had been formed in the public schools, but Miss Humphrey's was the first in which the principal object was to teach those branches. Rev. James Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, instructed individuals, in his own study, in the languages and other branches, preparatory for college. In 1844, receiving some assistance from individuals, Mr. Smith erected a building for academic purposes. A school of a higher grade than had ever been taught in the county was opened in it, in the autumn of 1844, in charge of Mr. James A. Stirratt. Hon. James W. Robinson, of this place, and Rev. Mr. Perkins, who recently died at Delaware, went through the preparatory studies, and a year and a half of college studies, under Mr. Smith's instruction and that of Mr. Stirratt, in the academy, and entered Jefferson College, at Cannonsburg, Penn., in the spring of 1846.

"A good school, having the confidence and support of the community, was sustained in the academy most of the time from 1844 till the autumn of 1862. Mr. Smith taught himself much of the time, and all the time held the control of the school. James A. Stirratt taught the first school in the building.

Abraham W. Wood, assisted by Miss Herbert, the last. The following persons, besides Mr. Smith and those just named, taught in the building, though the order in which they came cannot be given, nor is it certain that the list is complete: William H. Horner, James W. Robinson, Chester H. Perkins, M. Thompson, J. Slocum, Miss Buss, Miss Ward, Miss Jennie Coe and Miss Mary Coe. No individual has been identified with the interests of education in this community longer than Mr. Smith, or done more to elevate its standard. At the adoption of the present school law, in 1849, he was put upon the board of examiners, and retained there until nearly the time of his death.

"The number of scholars in town had so increased that, to answer an imperative necessity, in 1847, two brick schoolhouses were erected in opposite parts of the town, each of two rooms. For fifteen years these, with the academy, afforded the school accommodations for the youth of Marysville. Two or three or four teachers in the public schools were employed, as financial and other controlling circumstances seemed to decide. Up to 1849, thirty years from the settlement of the town, there seems to have been about the general average facilities, appreciation and improvement of educational advantages. The 'law for the better regulation of public schools in cities, towns, etc.,' passed by the Ohio Legislature in February, 1849, became a new and active stimulus in the minds of the community. They proceeded promptly to organize and work under the new system. The complete organization, which seems, from the records, to have been very harmonious, was as follows: Directors—Otway Curry, President; P. B. Cole, Secretary; Jacob Bouser, Treasurer; W. W. Woods, J. W. Cherry and Henry Shedd. Examiners—James Smith, Charles W. B. Allison,* and Cornelius S. Hamilton. Under date of December 14, 1849, is the following entry:

Whereupon, the board agree to employ the following teachers for twelve weeks each, five days to the week, commencing December 17, 1849, on the following terms, to wit:

Cornelius S. Hamilton, per term	$66 00
Jackson C. Doughty, per term	66 00
Miss Laura Johnson, per term	36 00
Mrs. William E. Lee, per term	36 00

Which terms and conditions we respectively agree to; and we further agree to discharge our duties as such teachers respectively, according to the best of our ability.

C. S. HAMILTON,
J. C. DOUGHTY,
A. M. LEE,
ALMIRA L. JOHNSON.

DECEMBER 17, 1849.

On motion, Mr. Curry was appointed a committee to ascertain and report, to the next meeting of the board, a series of books to be used in this district. On motion, *Resolved*, That Messrs. Doughty and Hamilton furnish their school rooms with blackboards, and charge the same to the board; and that Mr. Bouser furnish a blackboard for Miss Johnson's room, at the cost of the district.

JANUARY 14, 1850.

Board met, pursuant to a call of the President. Present, all the members. On motion, the following books were adopted for the use of the common schools in the town of Marysville, to wit:

Wickham's Lessons, twenty-four large cards; Sanders' Primer; Holbrook's Primary Drawing Book; McGuffey's Readers; Thompson's First Lessons in Arithmetic; Primary School Song Book; Webster's Elementary Spelling Book; Mitchell's Primary Geography; Colburn's Mental Arithmetic; Ray's Arithmetic, Part III; Mitchell's Intermediate Geography; Wells' Elementary Grammar; Winchester's Series of Writing Books; Mason's Juvenile Task. *Resolved*, That the board hold stated meetings every two weeks, beginning January 25. Adjourned until January 25, 1850.

P. B. COLE, *Secretary*.

"The Board of Education made their first annual report to a meeting of the voters of School District No. 1, Paris Township, Union County, held at the court house November 30, 1850. An abstract of the report is as follows:

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*This name is given Allen in Prof. Wood's article.

Schools taught thirty-six weeks, or three quarters. First quarter, four schools, two male and two female teachers, average daily attendance	146
Second quarter, three schools, three female teachers, average daily attendance	105
Third quarter, three schools, three female teachers, average daily attendance	70
Scholars in the district	270
Resources for school purposes the last year:	
Collected on duplicate for schoolhouse purposes	$ 99 05
Collected on duplicate for tuition	113 28
State School Fund received	93 89
Tax levled by County Commissioners	107 84
Tax levied by the Board	269 00
Total	$683 06

"A legally called public meeting of the citizens of District No. 1, Paris Township, was held March 4, 1851, to consider the adoption of the Union School system; but it was not carried. The second annual report of the board, in December, 1851, gives the number of scholars, 310; money received for school purposes, $439.40. In November, 1852, the scholars were graded by examination, according to advancement, and a set of rules for the government of the schools, drafted by Messrs. Hamilton and Curry, were unaminously adopted by the board. They were ten in number, and to the purpose. In 1852–53, several public meetings, harmonious, so far as the records show, were held to consider the matter of a new schoolhouse; and a resolution was carried to purchase certain designated lots and raise the money to pay for them, but for some reason, not recorded, it was not done. It appears that the schools went on with no great variation until 1860. Some of the years, the more advanced scholars, by examinations, were put in charge of one teacher, and designated 'the high school.' In 1858, the subject of a new schoolhouse and the Union School system was again agitated, and, after due consideration, carried. Under date of December 24, 1858, is the following:

" '*Resolved*, by the legal voters of School District No. 1, Paris Township, Union County, Ohio, in general meeting assembled, That it is expedient and necessary to erect a new schoolhouse for said district; and that $10,000 raised for that purpose, $2,000 in the year 1859, and $2,000 in each of the four succeeding years.'

"A site, about two and one-half acres, was purchased of Adam Wolford, and, after the usual preliminaries, on the 10th of January, 1861, of twelve proposals to build the house, that of H. Rice and J. Fleck, of Marysville, was accepted, for $7,754, and $340 for extra stone work. After visiting houses reputed to be the best, inspecting and carefully considering the various plans, at the suggestion of the State School Commissioner, the Board adopted what has proved to be a good one. The house is a substantial brick edifice, 60x80 feet, two stories, with a well-proportioned steeple, in which is a fine-toned bell of about 500 pounds weight. Besides halls, closets, etc., there are four school rooms on the lower floor and three on the upper, all affording comfortable accommodations for about 300 scholars. After considerable delay, the house was completed, and opened in October, 1862, just thirty-one years after the first schoolhouse in Marysville was built and occupied. Mr. A. W. Wood, who had been teaching in the academy about a year and a half, was put in charge as Superintendent at $50 per month and the tuition which he received from scholars attending the school who were not residents of the district. The academy was given up at this time, so there was no school in the county except the public schools.

" The Board of Education, at the organization of the Union School were: P. B. Cole, C. S. Hamilton, J. Cassil, D. D. Welsh, W. H. Robb, and J. H.

Ryan. The Board of Teachers: A. W. Wood, Superintendent and Principal of Highest Department; Miss Mollie Johnson, First Assistant Highest Department; Miss Mattie A. Robinson, Second Assistant Highest Department; Miss Jennie Coe, teacher in Intermediate Department; Miss Louise M. Southwick, teacher in Second Primary Department; Miss Sarah Jane Barbour, teacher in First Primary Department. The female teachers each received $20 per month. The enumeration of scholars in October, 1862, was 343. The school opened with about 200, who were divided into four departments. An excellent set of rules and regulations for the government of the schools was adopted by the Board, who fully sustained the teachers in their execution. An important rule was the closing of the door against tardiness. It did much in establishing the habit of punctuality, and was favorably received by nearly all the patrons of the school. In March, 1863, five months after the organization of the Union School, A. W. Wood left, and Franklin Wood, of Massachusetts, took his position for the same compensation. The following are the names of Superintendents, terms of service and compensation: A. W. Wood, from October, 1862, to March, 1863, $50 per month and tuition of non-resident pupils; F. Wood, from March, 1863, to June, 1865, compensation as above, with $20 per month added last year; Rev. A. E. Thomson, from September, 1866, to December, 1866, with the same compensation; L. Piper, from January, 1867, to June, 1867, with same compensation; Franklin Wood, from June 1867, to the present time [1876] with an annual salary of $1,200. Miss Sarah Jane Barbour had charge of the First Primary Department from the organization of the school in October, 1862, till June, 1873, eleven years. Miss Mary E. Pierce held the position of First Assistant, for the last three years Principal in the highest department, embracing the High School and advanced Grammar grade, from September, 1870, till June, 1875. In 1866, the wages of female teachers was raised to $30 per month, and has since been raised to $40. The Principal of the highest department, however, receives [1876] an annual salary of $500."

When Mr. Wood wrote his article, he was giving one-half his time to superintendency and the other half to teaching, and the other teachers in the schools at that time (January, 1876), with the enrollment in the various grades, were as follows: Miss Nellie S. McDonald, Principal Highest Department, 80; Mrs. Mattie A. Robinson, Assistant Highest Department; Miss Alice S. Pierce, teacher first Grammar Department, 38; Miss Dora E. King, teacher Second Intermediate Department, 40; Miss Laura Scott, teacher First Intermediate Department, 57; Miss Abbie E. Neal, teacher Third Primary Department, 65; Miss E. Amelia Burgner, teacher Second Primary Department, 47; Miss Kate T. Lee, teacher Second Division, First Primary Department, 33; Miss Lucy J. Jones, teacher First Division, First Primary Department, 60; total enrollment, 420. Mr. Wood writes, continuing the article already quoted: "The aim, both in government and instruction, has constantly been to adopt that which should give a thorough and practical preparation for the future; to teach how to use the mind and other faculties, rather than bare facts. There has been a willingness to adopt improved and tested methods of teaching, whether the result of our work or that of others. We have found that frequent reviews and examinations, both oral and written, are of great advantage. One great difficulty with us is, our pupils leave school, especially the boys, before they have had time or sufficient maturity to complete a proper course of education. But it is easier to point out and lament than to correct. When our present house was built, in 1862, considerable complaint was made that so large a plan was adopted, larger by one third than the present need demanded. But the wisdom of the arrangement was soon accepted, for in 1868 the number of pupils in attendance was fully equal to the capacity of the house, and in that year, by vote of the district, they commenced to raise a fund to put an addition to the present house, or erect a new one in another part of the village. Said fund has accumulated to about $8,000 (in 1876). Although 100 scholars are accommodated in rented rooms, and the schoolhouse still crowded, the new schoolhouse is not yet erected.

"Mention should be made of Hon. Cornelius S. Hamilton,* whose tragic death occurred in December, 1867. He came to this county at the age of sixteen years, with his father and family, in 1838, and spent his time till he was twenty-five upon his father's farm, assisting in the transformation of those broad and fertile acres from the dense and heavy forest to the beautiful field and meadow. He had already decided upon intellectual pursuits, and acquainted himself with some of the principles of law through Blackstone's works. He came to Marysville in 1848, and pursued the study of law in the office of Hon. William C. Lawrence. He also edited and published for several years a weekly paper, the Marysville *Tribune*. He was a man of good judgment and remarkable will power, accomplishing his own ends when conscious he was in the right, sometimes even against the majority, though not by unjust means. He was a man of high principles, of honor and integrity, and soon gained the confidence of his fellow-citizens. He was a member of the convention which framed the Constitution of Ohio, now in force. He was also sent to the State Legislature, and to the House of Representatives at Washington, of which he was a member at the time of his death. The school privileges of his youth were limited; but in early manhood, accepting the fact that education is one of the corner-stones of our Republic, and a powerful influence in the elevation of man, he became interested in the advancement and improvement of the public school. He taught the opening school under the new law of 1849, and was one of the first Board of Examiners under that law. The next year he was elected a member of the Board of Education, and was retained in that office till his death, some eighteen years. To him is given the credit mainly of placing Marysville in the van, with places of equal size, in regard to educational matters. He had a largely controlling influence in securing the adoption of the Union School system in 1860. According to the records, it was left principally to him to carry into effect the various measures to complete that arrangement. He lived to see something of the advantages resulting. He had more to do than any other individual in carrying out the purpose he, with others, had formed, of establishing a school which should offer to all good and equal facilties for obtaining a thorough preparation for the various departments of business life or admission to the halls of our higher institutions of learning. Success in business, and the college records at Oxford, Delaware, Wooster and Yale, show that their anticipations are already realized. Through his taste and decision chiefly we have a good house, beautifully and favorably located, surrounded with ample grounds, adorned with evergreens and other trees, all of which will bear a favorable comparison with any school premises in our State."

A very fine new school building has been erected in the eastern part of town. The contract for building it was let to Woodward & Son, of Mount Gilead, Ohio, June 22, 1876, for $23,518. The structure was completed and school first began in it late in the fall of 1877. It is of tasteful design and finish, and contains ten rooms for school purposes, to be used during school sessions, and for recitations, etc., besides other rooms for various uses. One room in the upper story is neatly fitted up for a hall for exhibitions, having a wide stage and seating room for several hundred people. The principal objection to the building is its height.

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* See notice in Chapter XIV.

Franklin Wood, Superintendent of the Marysville Schools, left in 1877, and is now located at Binghamton, N. Y. His successor is the present Superintendent, Prof. W. H. Cole, from Highland County, Ohio. He came here from the Missouri State University, and had previously taught at Nashville, Tenn., Wilmington, Ohio, and Delaware, Ohio. He is a very successful teacher. His assistants in the schools of Marysville for the school year of 1882–83 were the following: L. B. Demorest, Principal High School; Miss Alfarata Clute, Principal Grammar School; Miss Minnie Walker, First Department Grammar School; Miss Amma Murphy, Fifth Grade; Miss Della E. Miller, Fourth Grade, "A" Division; Miss Amelia Burgner, Fourth Grade, "B" Division; Miss Lillian Robb, Third Grade, "A" Division: Miss Nellie Robinson, Second Grade, "A" Division; Miss Emily Shinn, Second Grade, "B" Division; Miss Jennie E. Smith, "A" Primary; Miss Mattie Robinson, "B" Primary; Thomas J. Davies, Teacher of Music. The janitors are Victor Payne, for the east building, and Maggie Payne, for the west building.

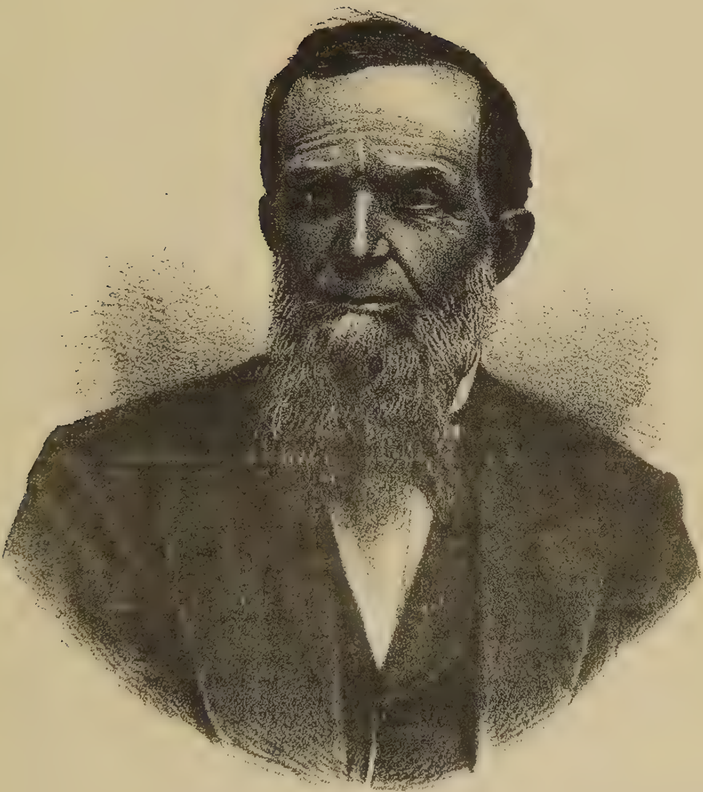
VILLAGE INCORPORATION, ETC.

From the absence of records, or any positive evidence on the subject, it cannot be determined at what exact date Marysville was incorporated; but it was probably in 1840, as an old memorandum at the court house shows that Otway Curry was elected Mayor in that year, being, it is thought, the first to hold the office in the place. The corporation limits have been several times extended, by action of the Commissioners of the county. The record above mentioned, which is in the office of the County Clerk, shows that Otway Curry was elected Mayor, May 4, 1840; James E. Wilson, April 17, 1843; John Cassil. May 6, 1844; P. B. Cole, March 31, 1845; and Otway Curry, March 30, 1846. The earliest record found in the office of the Corporation Clerk is dated September 7, 1846, and it presents the following facts:

" The Council of the town of Marysville met in the Mayor's office. In the absence of William W. Steele, Recorder, on motion, W. H. Frank was appointed Secretary *pro tem.* Members present: O. Curry, B. Welsh, Thomas Turner, James W. Evans, Jacob Bouser and William H. Frank. On motion, C. W. B. Allison was elected Recorder to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removing away of W. W. Steele. On motion, meeting adjourned until Monday evening, October 5, 1846. SECRETARY *pro tem.*"

The meeting was held as appointed. R. L. Broome was allowed $5.25 for seven days' service as Street Superintendent; P. B. Cole $10.75 for printing. Otway Curry appointed a committee of one to report an ordinance upon the subject of curbing the sidewalks in Marysville. The Street Superintendent was ordered to purchase plank and repair the bridge by S. P. G. Brown's dwelling house, by making a double track. October 10, 1846, Otway Curry, Thomas Turner and Bill Welsh were appointed a committee of three to select one or more suitable sites for a burying-ground, and ascertain on what terms the same could be purchased. They made a report on the 16th of November, but what it was the record fails to state. A meeting of the citizens was called to take some action on the subject of purchasing a new burial ground and removing the old one from the corporation. December 7, 1846, R. L. Broome and Samuel Ressler were appointed Fire Wardens for one year.

February 1, 1847, Mr. Evans, of the Council, was appointed a committee of one to consult with the old officers of the hook and ladder company respecting the ladders furnished by the citizens in 1845, for protection against fire. Those ladders were six in number, and Mr. Evans was the next day instructed, upon making his report, to superintend the ironing of said ladders and to procure one or more fire hooks and cables. April 24, 1847, the contract for build-



Isaac N. Hamilton.

ing a new bridge on East Center street was awarded to James W. Evans, for $68.50; the bridge was to be completed by the 1st of the following July. It was finished July 17. At the corporation election, March 29, 1847, the following officers were chosen: William M. Robinson, Mayor; William H. Skinner, Recorder; Richard Bancroft, Charles Rosette, Samuel Ressler, John Johnson, William E. Lee, Trustees. The new Council met April 5, and elected Bill Welsh Superintendent of Streets; William E. Lee, Treasurer; William T. Brophy, Marshal; John W. Lansdown, Assistant Marshal; William H. Frank and Thomas Turner, Fire Wardens. Since then the elections have resulted in the choice of officers as follows:

March 27, 1848—George D. Witter, Mayor; James Kinkade, Recorder; John Cassil, Richard Bancroft, R. Lee, Thomas Turner, F. Wingfield, Trustees. At this election the question of purchasing a fire engine was submitted to the electors, and the project was defeated by a vote of forty to eighteen. A bridge over the run at the south end of Main street was built in the fall of 1848.

March 26, 1849—William H. Frank, Mayor; Philip Snider, Recorder; A. R. Hunter, William W. Woods, William T. Brophy, Thomas Peacock, James Welsh, Trustees. April 27, 1849, the job of graveling the "diamond," or public square, was let to Henry Wolford for $68.68, the gravel to be put on eight inches deep, and the work done by the 15th of the following June. Considerable graveling was done on the streets in that year, at a cost ranging from 75 cents to $1.05 per rod.

March 25, 1850—W. H. Frank, Mayor; Thomas Brown, Recorder; Thomas Turner, Thomas Peacock, W. W. Woods, Charles Rathbun, A. R. Hunter, Trustees.

March 31, 1851—William H. Frank, Mayor; George W. Cherry, Recorder; Joseph Saxton, Felix G. Wingfield, Thomas Turner, Thomas Brown, Stephen Winget, Trustees.

March 29, 1852—William H. Frank, Mayor; George W .Cherry, Recorder; Thomas Turner, Joseph Saxton, Felix G. Wingfield, G. A. Cassil, James M. Welsh, Trustees. Cherry resigned as Recorder, and M. H. Wadhams was appointed July 2, 1852.

1853.—Cyprian Lee, Mayor; Andrew M. Pollock, Recorder; Thomas Turner, James M. Welsh, Joseph Saxton, Felix G. Wingfield, G. A. Cassil, Trustees. Mr. Lee refused to serve as Mayor, and William M. Robinson was chosen to the position at a special election held April 19, 1853.

1854—W. M. Robinson, Mayor, Augustus Turner, Recorder; Thomas Turner, G. A. Cassil, Felix G. Wingfield, J. M. Welsh, Joseph Saxton, Trustees.

1855—John L. Porter, Mayor; Cyrus A. Phelps, Recorder; John Cassil, C. Rathbun, R. Lee, R. L. Partridge, D. Plumb, Trustees. Cassil resigned, and S. C. Lee was appointed to fill vacancy, October 8, 1855.

1856—Samuel McBatney, Mayor; R. C. Clark, Recorder; Seth McMahill, Rowland Lee, R. L. Patrick, Tabor Randall, William Drake, Trustees.

1857—M. C. Lawrence, Mayor; William H. Robb, Recorder; John Fleck, John F. Sabine, James W. Robinson, David D., Welsh, R. Welsh, Trustees.

1858—John Barber, Mayor; John Rathbun, Recorder; J. F. Sabine, Samuel Sherwood, D. D. Welsh, William Drake, J. H. Ryan, Trustees.

1859—J. D. Smith, Mayor; J. N. Rathbun, Recorder; William Drake, D. D. Welsh, John Barber, Joseph Newlove, W. W. Woods, Trustees.

1860—E. G. Bartram, Mayor; Alvin Thompson, Recorder; E. J. Nugent, Joseph G. Hawkins, John Weidman, William Drake, John B. Coats, Trustees,

1861—R. C. Clark, Mayor; Augustus Turner, Recorder; J. Garrard, J. Newlove, H. Sabine, D. W. Henderson, Robert Snodgrass, Trustees.

1862—Thomas Brown, Mayor; James Kinkade, Recorder; G. L. Sellers, Rawson Welsh, William Cartmell, M. C. Lawrence, J. Newlove, Trustees. Lawrence resigned September 5, 1862, and A. J. Whitney was appointed to fill vacancy.

April 6, 1863—Thomas Brown, Mayor; R. L. Partridge, Recorder; Joseph Newlove, J. A. Henderson, Rawson Welsh, O. W. R. Ingman, Robert Snodgrass, Trustees.

April 4, 1864—A. F. Wilkins, Mayor; A. J. Whitney, Recorder; Joseph Newlove, J. A. Henderson, Robert Snodgrass, Joseph Saxton, O. W. R. Ingman, Trustees.

April 3, 1865—A. F. Wilkins, Mayor; A. J. Whitney, Recorder; John Guthrie, James W. Robinson, Joseph Newlove, W. L. Miller, J. H. Ryan, Trustees.

April 2, 1866—A. F. Wilkins, Mayor; J. A. Henderson, Recorder; J. Newlove, J. W. Robinson, B. W. Keys, John L. Porter, T. J. Buxton, Trustees.

April 1, 1867—John Cassil, Mayor; J. F. Snider, Recorder; John C. Nicol, R. R. Henderson, James W. Robinson, William H. Robb, G. L. Sellers, Trustees.

April 6, 1868—A. F. Wilkins, Mayor; O. M. Scott, Recorder; W. H. Robb, J. W. Robinson, W. S. Johnson, James H. Roney, J. C. Nicol, Trustees.

April 6, 1869—A. D. Doolittle, Mayor; O. M. Scott, Recorder; J. L. Porter, W. H. Robb, W. S. Johnson, J. H. Roney, J. C. Nicol, Trustees.

April 4, 1870—A. F. Wilkins, Mayor for two years; Tabor Randall, Clerk (two years), H. Speakman, D. Buxton, O. B. Williams, Councilmen for one year; Joseph Newlove, J. A. Henderson, D. Edwards, Councilmen for two years. J. B. Coats was elected to the Council in May, in place of Joseph Newlove.

April, 1871—I. N. Hamilton, M. C. Lawrence, A. C. Pearson, Councilmen for two years.

April, 1872—J. M. Kennedy, Mayor; two years; Tabor Randall, Clerk and Recorder, two years; A. D. Doolittle, Levi Longbrake. J. B. Whelpley, Councilmen for two years.

April, 1873—O. B. Williams, H. S. Wood, J. Richard Ousler, Councilmen for two years.

April 10, 1874—Wesley Garrard, Mayor; Tabor Randall, Clerk and Recorder; Darius Buxton, David Edwards, Philip Snider, Councilmen—all for two years; John L. Porter, Councilman for one year.

April, 1875—S. N. McCloud, L. C. Conrad, O. C. Chase, Councilmen, two years.

April, 1876—Wesley Garrard, Mayor; John H. Kinkade, Clerk; J. B. Whelpley, J. J. Morelock, H. S. Wood, Councilmen—all for two years. Whelpley resigned March 20, 1877.

April 2, 1877—Aaron B. Robinson, F. G. England, I. N. Hamilton, Councilmen, two years; R. Ousler, D. Webb, C. M. Ingman, Councilmen, one year. England resigned, and on the 11th of September, 1877, George S. Baldwin was appointed to fill vacancy.

April 1, 1878—John D. Radebaugh, Mayor; J. M. Brodrick, Clerk; J. J. Morelock, C. M Kenton, W. H. Robb, Councilmen, two years.

April 7, 1879—A. B. Robinson, S. N. McCloud, W. P. Anderson, Councilmen, two years.

April, 1880—Wesley Garrard, Mayor; John M. Brodrick, Clerk; Jesse L. Cameron, John Wiley, Delmore Snodgrass, Councilmen, two years.

April 4, 1881—Robert M. Henderson, Henry W. Morey, Emanuel Fox, Councilmen, two years.

April, 1882—J. H. Kinkade, Mayor; George W. Heistand, Clerk; William Cartmell, Jr., Israel Slack, E. L. Price, Councilmen, two years.

For the fiscal year ending March 30, 1852, the receipts of the corporation were $225.76; the expenditures for the same time were $107.47, leaving a balance in the treasury of $118.29. It did not cost much to run a village government and pay for improvements in those days.

FIRES AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Ladders were purchased by the village in 1845, for use in case of fires, and this was the first record of any provision made looking to the safety of property from damage by fire. A hook and ladder company was formed, but was probably in existance but a short time.* July 22, 1859, the most serious fire occurred which the place had yet suffered, burning the fine Cassil Block and several other buildings, and causing a loss of about $15,000. A pottery, half a mile south of town, owned by E. Weller, was burned August 30, 1861. In July, 1865, a hand fire engine was purchased for Marysville, at Dayton, Ohio, costing $1,200 It was manufactured in New Jersey; the first engineer was a Mr. Hubbell. June 7, 1865, the County Commissioners had granted a petition from the citizens of Marsyville praying that they be allowed to erect an engine house on the southeast corner of the jail lot; and the Commissioners also donated $50 out of the county treasury to help pay for the engine purchased. The engine house was not built until the summer of 1866, when a brick structure, two stories high, was erected.

On the night of June 12, 1866, the Marysville flouring-mill, with a saw-mill attached, fell a prey to the flames, the loss reaching about $10,000. A fire on the 22d of March, 1867, burned Sherwood's grocery store, Smith & Cartmell's grocery store, and the store of F. T. Arthur; loss several thousand dollars. The hand fire engine, which had been considered inefficient, worked finely and saved other buildings from destruction. May 3, 1879, a steam fire-engine was purchased and placed in the fire department room in the new city hall building. In the afternoon of the same day it was thoroughly tested and found to be a first class machine. Sufficient steam was made in four minutes to force water strongly through one nozzle, and two minutes later water was flying through the same hose to a distance of over 130 feet. Another hose was attached and water thrown through both with tremendous force. In July, 1881, horses were secured for the department and placed in their quarters in the city hall building. The town now has a paid fire department, organized in August, 1882, and consisting of a chief, engineer and fireman. George W. Fox is the present chief; C. H. Carter, engineer, and French Sellers, fireman. Besides the steamer there is a hook and ladder truck, and the old hand engine is still the property of the town, though not in use. Everything is kept in readiness for turning out in the shortest possible time, and the department is efficient and well organized.

THE CITY HALL.

In the latter part of August, 1864, the Town Council purchased property at the southeast corner of Main and South streets, on which to erect a building for a city hall, engine room, etc. In the spring of 1877, it was decided by vote to build a hall for city use. Plans drawn by F. J. Sager had been for some time on exhibition at McCloud's drug store. Work was soon begun on the site named, the old buildings on the ground being sold and moved away. New plans and specifications were called for and on the 15th of August, 1877; bids were opened and the contracts for the different branches of work awarded separately, the whole footing up $12,495. Ground was broken on the 21st of the same month, and the building was completed in the spring of 1878. In the latter part of March in that year, the Council purchased a Seth Thomas striking tower clock and placed it in the tower of the new building. Its cost, with bell, was $915; it is of the eight day variety, forty inches wide, forty-two inches deep, fifty-one inches high, nine inch main wheel, sixteen-inch strike wheel, pendulum five feet long, ball weighs seventy-five pounds; weight of bell 1,000 pounds. Gas fixtures were placed in the building by a Cincinnati firm. The steam heating apparatus was manufactured by E. B. Armstrong, of Columbus. The auditorium is finely frescoed. The hall was opened to the public October 21, 1878, when the drama of the "Two Orphans" was given by home talent. The total cost of the building, furniture, fixtures, etc., was $13,191.80, and the structure would be a credit to any town having a much greater population. It contains the fine public hall, the Mayor's office or Council Room, the public library, the fire department rooms and the city prison.

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*This company was organized immediately after a small fire which occurred on the night of January 22, 1845 causing a loss of $1,000 or more. A meeting of citizens was held at the court house on the day succeeding the fire, and the company was then organized, with Samuel Resler, Captain; Mains Wasson, First Lieutenant; Abner Power, Second Lieutenant; J. S. Alexander, Treasurer; William C. Lawrence, Secretary. A contribution was raised for the use of the company, and a petition was forwarded to the Legislature, praying for an act of incorporation. The officers chosen were to hold only until the company should be incorporated.

MANUFACTURES.

About 1848–49, the "Marysville Pearlash Factory" was established, and during most of its existence it was the property of Judge W. W. Woods, with whom Darius Buxton was for several years a partner in the business. This ashery was one of the most extensive in the United States, and, in fact, was reported as the largest in 1874; but after the death of Judge Woods it was abandoned and the work discontinued.

In the fall of 1856, the first steam grist-mill in the place was erected by J. & B. Saxton and G. A. Cassil. The subject of building of such an institution had been discussed in the columns of the daily papers for some time, and the mill supplied a long-felt want. It was started June 1, 1857, by Saxton & McCreight, and after being operated a number of years was destroyed by fire. In the fall and winter of 1867, a new flouring mill was built by Miller & Snodgrass, two stories high and 32x36 feet in dimensions. The steam grist-mill in the northeast part of town, now the property of Moses Thompson, was built about 1866, by W. L. Miller; it is a brick and frame structure, containing four runs of stone, having a capacity of about thirty-five barrels daily; does merchant and custom grinding, and furnishes employment for three men. A new steam grist mill is being erected near the north end of Main street, by Messrs. Sprague & Perfect, the former from Sunbury, Delaware County, and the latter from Columbus It will have all the late improvements and be capable of grinding 100 barrels of flour daily.

The Marysville Butter Tub and Spoke Company was incorporated July 1, 1874; capital stock $50,000, in shares of $100 each; incorporators—W. W. Woods, A. S. Chapman, A. B. Robinson, C. S. Chapman, D. D. Shearer, A. C. Pierson. Philip Snider, J. B. Whelpley, W. H. Robinson. Officers were elected on the 7th of the succeeding August. The manufactures were tubs, buckets, pails and firkins for packing butter, etc. In the spring of 1880, the old company sold out to W. F. Wilcox & Co., the death of Judge Woods being the main cause of breaking up the business, and a new building has been erected opposite the old one, which is being fitted up by Mr. Wilcox individually, who was the last of three superintendents of the old factory, A. S. Chapman having been the first and E. L. Price the second. The firm of W. F. Wilcox & Co. was composed of Mr. Wilcox and Judge Woods. The sales of the institution ran as high as $60,000 and over, annually, the goods being mostly disposed of in

Ohio. Shipments were made, however, into Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylyania. Part of the old machinery is in the new building. Mr. Wilcox will manufacture butter tubs, pails and hard wood lumber, and give employment to an average of twenty five men.

Rawson Walsh was for many years engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods in Marysville, at different points, and, in 1864, the firm of Woodbury & Welsh built the brick factory now standing in the northeast part of town. Robinson & Robinson purchased it soon after, and for a number of years, under the management of the latter firm, it was one of the most important institutions in the place. Twenty-five hands were employed, and jeans, satinets, flannels, etc., manufactured. The business amounted to about $30,000 annually, and the firm conducted a store opposite the factory, where they enjoyed a very large trade. These gentlemen are now proprietors of the well-known "factory store" on South Main street. They sold the factory in the spring of 1880 to Turpie Brothers, of White County, Ind., and it is not now in operation.

A brewery was built in the east part of town in the spring of 1866. In September, 1878, the tubs, vats, etc., were removed to Indiana. On the morning of September 14, 1881, the structure was very badly damaged by fire, but it was repaired and refitted and is still in existence, conducted by P. Schlegel. A large barn on the premises was burned in November, 1882. The property was formerly owned by W. W. Woods.

The "Marysville Cheese Manufacturing Company" was organized February 13, 1871, among the prominent members being W. W. Woods, W. M. Randall, Col. Robb, R. T. McAllister, Jehu Ryan, John Fleck and A. J. Sterling, as stockholders. The certificate of incorporation was filed a few days later; capital stock, $4,000, in shares of $100 each. The incorporators were W. H. Robb, A. J. Sterling, W. W. Woods, Isaac C. Botkin, James W. Field, George P. Cross, J. S. Fleck. The company purchased an acre of ground next south of the fair ground, and in the spring of 1871 erected a factory thereon which began operations on the 18th of May in that year. The building was 40x84 feet, including the engine room, and two stories high. J. H. Ryan was chosen manager and N. P. Baughman, assistant. The latter had learned the trade in the Western Reserve dairy region of Ohio. Within a short time, the factory was manufacturing ten cheeses daily, weighing thirty pounds each. In May, 1872 it was receiving 3,300 pounds of milk per diem, and was operated by F. Hazen, who made 360 pounds of cheese each day. February 22, 1873, the factory was sold by the Sheriff and bid off by J W. Robinson, for $2,550. It was continued for a time, but ceased operations previous to 1877, and the building was sold to Judge Woods for $700. A new factory was built in the eastern part of town, in 1878, but was continued a short time only

In the spring of 1872, a carriage factory was erected on South Main street, by Conrad & Schepper, the building being a large frame structure. In the fall of 1876, the two-story brick addition, which now constitutes the front portion of the establishment, was built. In November, 1878, John Boerger purchased the interest of Mr. Schepper, and the firm of Conrad & Boerger was established. Mr. Boerger had come to the place in 1872, and learned his trade in this shop. The present firm employs from eight to fifteen men, according to the season, and transacts annually a business amounting to $12,000 or $15,000. The manufactures—wagons, carriages, sleighs, etc.—are disposed of principally in Union and adjoining counties. Before the death of Judge Woods, and through his instrumentality, they shipped to some extent to Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Boerger's father, John L. Boerger, owns a fine farm in

Mill Creek Township, containing 340 acres, and the son had lived with his father up to the time of his location in Marysville, when he started entirely on his own resources.

The carriage works of Bauer, Schepper & Devine were established February 7, 1882. Employment is given in the busy season to ten or twelve hands, and the work is disposed of mostly in Union and Franklin Counties. The firm manufactures carriages, wagons, sleighs, etc., and does a general blacksmithing business. Mr. Schepper was formerly in partnership with Mr. Conrad, and has worked at his trade in Marysville since 1868, coming from Owen County, Ind. Mr. Bauer is lately from Columbus, and Mr. Devine came from the same place three or four years ago.

A. S. Turner, proprietor of the City Carriage Works, has been engaged in the business in this place since the close of the rebellion, having served in the army during that memorable struggle. For five or six years, he was in company with F. E. Justice. About the fall of 1871, he built a portion of his present shop, and in April, 1872, Mr. Justice became his partner. The firm was continued until October, 25, 1877, since when Mr. Turner has operated the factory alone and made extensive additions to it. From working as a journeyman a short time subsequent to the close of the war, he is now proprietor of a business amounting to about $6,000 annually, and employs an average of seven hands. He manufactures entirely for the home trade.

The carriage factory of L. E. Bellus was established about 1874, by its present proprietor, who has worked in Marysville since 1871. During the war he was for a time in company with Franklin E. Justice. He employs seven hands in the busy season, and disposes of most of his work near home, shipping but little.

The establishment of S. A. Cherry is mentioned elsewhere, hence a description is unnecessary in this connection.

In 1875, a planing mill was built and a lumber yard opened by Rice, Fleck & Co., the firm being composed of H. Rice, J. S. Fleck and A. S. Chapman. In that year, a large amount of building was done in Marysville, and, on the 9th of June, forty-five buildings were under way together. A three-story hotel was talked of, to be erected on the site of the old American, and to cost from $20,000 to $30,000, but it has, up to this writing, failed to materialize. The present owners of the above-mentioned planing mill and lumber yard are Messrs. Fleck & Chapman, who have made extensive additions to the original mill and introduced many improvements. It is now the largest establishment of the kind in the county. The building covers four lots and has a frontage of 264 feet. The yards in the rear and to the south are constantly stocked with lumber, and a portion of the main floor of the building is supplied from the yard and used for seasoning and cutting. The upper floor receives the timber from its first cutting, and it is rapidly converted into flooring, doors, sash and building material. The firm employs, on an average, about fifteen men; in the busy season, twenty-five. The capital at the start was limited, and the first year's sales amounted to only $7,000; this had increased to $45,000 in 1881, and to $60,000 for 1882.

The Marysville Gas Light Company was incorporated August 30, 1878, the incorporators being W. W. Woods, Frederick J. Sager, S. N. McCloud, William Smith, J. W. Field and M. C. Lawrence. Capital stock, $20,000, in shares of $50 each. No works were ever put in, and a citizen of the town remarked in December, 1882, that the only gas in the place was "gasoline and human gas." Gasoline was introduced in Marysville in the spring of 1869; about forty lamps were set in the streets, and "Ward's Gas Generating Lamp" used.

BANKS.

The Bank of Marysville was established in 1854, by Andrews, Evans & Woods, whose advertisement appears in the Marysville *Tribune* under date of February 14, 1855. On the 15th of April, 1863, another advertisement shows that the proprietors were then W. W. Woods, D. D. Welsh and C. S. Hamilton. They were at that time "agents for the sale of United States Government Five-Twenty Bonds." In September, 1869, T. J. Buxton, a member of the firm, retired for the purpose of entering the same business at Minneapolis, Minn. James Fullington and C. Phellis became partners with Judge Woods, under the firm name of Fullington, Phellis & Woods, which is still continued, the Judge's heirs retaining an interest in the institution. This is the oldest bank in the county, and transacts a general banking business. The cashier, R. M. Henderson, has held the position since the retirement of Mr. Buxton. in 1869. The building now occupied by this bank was erected in 1872, and was then the finest business edifice in Union County. It is three stories high, brick being the material composing the walls. The upper story is occupied by the Odd Fellows.

The Farmer's Bank of Union County went into operation about the 20th of April, 1868, with the following officers: Directors—Levi Longbrake, A. James Sterling, Dr. J. M. Southard; Cashier—Joseph Newlove. The bank was first located in the Robinson Block, three doors east of the public square, but is now in a fine brick building at the southeast corner of the square, erected in 1872. The present proprietors (December, 1882) of this bank are Joseph Newlove.* J. M. Southard, Levi Longbrake, Edward Weller, Thomas Martin. The position of cashier is filled by C W. Southard.

The People's Bank.—This banking company was organized in the forepart of April, 1874, and included among its members A. J. Whitney, W. H. Robb, J. B. Whelpley, C. Houston, A. S. Chapman, F. T. Arthur, A. T. Carpenter, S. B. Woodburn, B. W. Keyes, C. S. Chapman. It began business in the room previously occupied by the Bank of Marysville, which had shortly before moved into its new quarters in the building it now occupies. The present officers are: A. J. Whitney, President; C. S. Chapman, Cashier. The bank transacts business on a capital of $20,000.

SECRET ORDERS AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Palestine Lodge, No. 158, F. & A. M., was instituted April 19, 1848. The charter members were Stephen F. Kinney, John Cassil, J. O. Baker, Silas Igou, Jeremiah Curl, L. B. Kinney, David Burnham and James R. Smith. Jeremiah Curl was the first W. M.; S. F. Kinney, S. W., and John Cassil, probably first Secretary.† At meetings held April 20 and 21, 1848, the lodge admitted seven new members. Of the fifteen thus constituting the old lodge, but one is now known to be living—Dr. Charles Rathbun, now of Southern Illinois. William M. Winget, of Marysville, who was initiated August 26, 1852, is one of the oldest members of the lodge. Thomas Peacock was made an Entered Apprentice in 1849, and Judge John B. Coates was initiated March 21, 1850; these two were initiated in this lodge probably before any other person now living in the place. David C. Winget, who became a Master Mason before joining this lodge, is thought to have belonged to the order longer than any other man in the town. W. M. Robinson and W. H. Robb are also old Masons. A fire which occurred July 26, 1859, destroyed the records, charter and effects of this lodge, but a new charter was granted on the 21st of the following October, under which the lodge is now working. The membership, December 12, 1882, was 163, and the officers were: J. J. Scott, W. M.; J. M. Broderick, S. W.; A. H. Beightler, J. W.; J. W. Field, Treasurer; J. H. Kinkade, Secretary; C. S. Lee, S. D.; E. L. Parthemore, J. D.; Thomas Peacock, Tiler.

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*Mr. Newlove's decease has occurred since these notes were taken.

† A directory of Union County, published in 1877, says the first officers of this lodge were Horace M. Stokes, W. M.; J. N. Burr, S. W., and James Williams, J. W.

Marysville Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M.—A dispensation was granted a chapter October 13, 1866, and it was instituted at that date by David Haskell, of London, H. P., *pro tem.*, S. S. Jewell being installed as High Priest. After working one year under dispensation, a charter was granted October 12, 1867, to S. S. Jewell, John Sidle, James W. Field, Harvey S. Wood, T. S. Hill, William M. Winget, Abram Beck, John Cassil and W. H. Robb. Officers elected at that time were: S. S. Jewell, H. P.; John Sidle, K.; J. W. Field, Scribe; W. H. Robb, C. of H.; R. R. Hederson, P. S.; M. C. Lawrence, R. A. C.; James A. Henderson, M. 3d V.; E. S. Pyne, M. 2d V.; W. E. Baxter, M. 1st V.; Thomas J. Buxton, Treasurer; John Cassil, Secretary; C. L. Mullen, Guard; J. B. Whelpley, Chaplain. The membership in December, 1882, was seventy-eight, and the officers at the same time were: W. M. Winget, High Priest; W. P. Anderson, King; C. W. Radebaugh, Scribe; Elmer P. Blinn, Captain of Host; J. J. Scott, Principal Sojourner; H. W. Morey, Royal Arch Captain; David Edwards, Master 3d Veil; Will O. Shearer, Master 2d Veil; J. M. Brodrick, Master 1st Veil; J. W. Field, Treasurer; Will E. Winget, Secretary; A. H. Beightler, Guard.

Marysville Council, No. 61. R. & S. M. was instituted December 30, 1873, with ten or twelve charter members. Its first officers were: O. B. Williams, T. I. M.; James A. Henderson, D. I. M.; W. H. Robb, P. C. of W.; D. W. Henderson, Treasurer; James W. Field, Rec.; W. M. Cartmell, C. of G.; C. L. Mullen, S. The council is not at present in a flourishing condition. It has a membership (December 12, 1882) of twenty, and is officered as follows: W. P. Anderson, T. I. M.; James W. Field, D. I. M.; S. S. Jewell, P. C. of W.; W. M. Cartmell, C. of G.; W. M. Robinson, Treasurer; S. N. McCloud, Recorder; H. W. Morey, Sentinel *pro tem.* The charter will probably soon be surrendered.

Marysville Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F., is the oldest secret organization in the county. It was instituted June 7, 1847, and the charter members were John Cassil, S. A. Cherry, James Kinkade, W. T. Brophy, and John H. Smith. The lodge was instituted by Erastus Sheldon, District Deputy Grand Master. The officers were: John Cassil, N. G.; S. A. Cherry, V. G.; James Kinkade, Jr., R. S.; William T. Brophy, Treasurer; John H. Smith, P. S. On the same night, Philip Snider, James M. Wilkinson, J. C. Doughty, Charles Rathbun and William E. Lee were initiated as members. At the next meeting, June 10, 1847, James M. Wilkinson was appointed R. S. N. G.; Charles Rathbun, L. S. N. G.; W. E. Lee, R. S. V. G.; J. C. Doughty, L. S. V. S.; Philip Snider, Warden; J. C. Doughty, Conductor; John S. Smith, I. G.; William T. Brophy, O. G.; Philip Snider, Charles Rathbun, James Kinkade, Jr., Trustees. This organization has been continued to the present time, and the membership, December 12, 1882, was about 150. Several lodges have been partially formed from this, and some nearly entire. The library contains 323 volumes. S. A. Cherry is the only one of the charter members of this lodge now living. The present officers are: B. Hanawalt, N. G.; E. B. Turner, V. G.; E. L. Price, Recording Secretary; L. G. English, Per. Sec.; John H. Wood, Treasurer. Mr. Wood has held this office several years.

Marysville Encampment, No. 114, I. O. O. F., was chartered May 6, 1868, and instituted August 10 following. The charter members were John Cassil, A. F. Wilkins, A. Morey, John P. Bauer, Thomas Turner, John Weaver,

J. W. Hedges

Jr., Joseph H. Felkner. The encampment was instituted by Right Worthy Grand Scribe William M. Hubbell. The first officers were: John Cassil, C. P.; J. H. Felkner, H. P.; Thomas Turner, S. W.; A. F. Wilkins, Scribe (died in office); John P. Bauer, Treasurer; A. Morey, J. W. The present membership is about eighty, and the officers are: J. R. Taylor, C. P.; J. C. Burkbile, H. P.; R. S. Bonnett. S. W.; D. H. Fry, Scribe; J. J. Morelock, Treasurer; J. M. Longbrake, J. W.

Juniata Tribe, No. 94, Improved Order of Red Men, was instituted at the Hunting Gounds of Marysville, Reservation of Ohio, on the sleep of the 18th Sun, Worm Moon, G. S. D. 388—common year, March 18, 1879—with twenty-two charter members. Its membership in December, 1882, was seventy-six, and its officers were as follows: Prophet, J. Q. Richey; Sachem, A. Morey; Senior Sagamore, J. H. Smith; Junior Sagamore, J. D. Burkbile; Chief of Records, B. Newlove; Keeper of Wampum, B. C. Newlove. The first incumbents of the same offices, in the order named, were B. Newlove, C. Wagner, J. D. Burkbile, H. N. Amrine, H. J. King and B. C. Newlove.

Marysville Lodge, No. 100, K. of P., was chartered May 24, 1877, the following being the first officers and members: Noah Orr, P. C.; Harry Gebbard, C. C.; Adam Snider, V. C.; J. H. Kinkade, P.; S. N. McCloud, M. of E; J. B. Couchman, M. of F.; C. F. Wilkins, K. of R. and S.; Theodore Mullen, M. at A.; C. H. Carter, I. G.; W. S. Smith, O. G.; J. J. Gledhill, James Smith, E. C. Myers, D. W. March, J. H. Willis, E. P. Rogers, G. Gibson. The present membership is about eighty, and the officers are: I. D. Buxton, P. C.; R. H. Graham, C. C.; John L. Sellers, V. C.; C. F. Turner, P.; C. L. Ousler, M. of E.; E. E. Cole, M. of F.; C. Stewart, K. of R. and S.; George Heistand, M. at A.; L. M. Webster, I. G.; W. Weidman, O. G.

Several building and loan associations have been organized at different times in Marysville, which have been of great benefit.

The Marysville Literary and Library Association was formed Friday evening, November 15, 1867, and a committee appointed to draft constitution and by-laws. They performed their duty, and, on the evening of November 23, the articles were adopted; the organization was completed November 29, by the election of the following officers: Franklin Wood, President; W. S. Johnson, Vice President; A. J. Sterling, Treasurer; S. W. Dolber, Secretary; L. Piper, Librarian; A. J. Sterling, P. B. Cole, F. Wood, Executive Committee. Thursday evening, January 23, 1868, Fred Douglass delivered a lecture in Marysville, having been brought here by this association, to whose benefit the net proceeds of the lecture were appropriated for the purchase of books. The association was incorporated February 17, 1868, and the following Trustees elected: P. B. Cole, Franklin Wood, O. M. Scott, William S. Johnson, John H. Shearer, L. Piper, A. James Sterling, James C. Wilkins, Edward Thomas. The "Marysville Library Association" was the name of the organized institution, as adopted July 21, 1874, when the following officers were chosen: P. B. Cole, President; F. Wood, Vice President; R. L. Woodburn, Secretary; William M. Liggett, Treasurer; H. W. Morey, Librarian; Andrew Stevenson, D. W. Henderson, L. Piper, Directors. The capital stock was fixed at 150 shares of $25 each; only about eighty shares were ever taken, although about 100 names appear on the record. Officers are elected annually. The present officers are: P. B. Cole, President, having held the position since 1874; Dr. I. N. Hamilton, Vice President; William M. Liggett, Treasurer; E. P. Blinn, Secretary; J. B. Whelpley, D. W. Henderson, J. Van Pearse, Directors; J. Van Pearse, Librarian. The library contains about 1,000 volumes, all of the better class of selections. Historical and biographical works form a prominent part feature of the library. From seventy-five to one hundred books are circulated weekly, and new ones are occasionally added.

The Agassiz Scientific, Archæological and Historical Society of Marysville was organized March 7, 1879, and a week later the following officers were elected: Prof. J. W. Cole, President; J. H. Shearer, Vice President; Miss Anna Roney, Recording Secretary; E. E. Cole, Corresponding Secretary; L. Piper, Treasurer; Dr. I. N. Hamilton, Dr. D. W. Henderson, C. M. Kenton, Dr. J. W. Field, S. P. Mulford, Executive Committee. At the date of the second meeting, March 14, 1859, the membership was fifty-one. The object of the association was to acquire general information of value on all subjects. The work of collecting specimens, relics, etc., for the purpose of establishing a museum, was begun, and a large number and great variety of articles was soon on hand. The museum was placed in the east school building, and is an attractive feature to the visitor. The collection has been largely made by the pupils of the schools, who have taken great interest in the work.

CEMETERIES.

Just when the old cemetery in the limits of the corporation began to be used has not been ascertained. Steps were taken toward purchasing a new ground, and abandoning the old one, in October and November, 1846, but nothing further was done until early in 1848. In March of that year, 6⅛ acres were purchased of the assignees of W. C. Malin, lying on the Marion road, north of town. This was traded to Mr. Zwerner, in the spring of 1863, for his lots adjoining the old cemetery, which was extended. On the 5th of June, 1877, it was voted by the citizens of Marysville to raise by tax sufficient funds to purchase grounds for a new cemetery. The Council could not secure suitable grounds for a reasonable price, and, accordingly, July 22, 1878, they passed a resolution to appropriate a piece of ground known as the Dynes land, half a mile west of the corporation, between the Newton and Bellefontaine roads. The name, "Oakdale Cemetery," was given to the grounds. The tract contains thirty-nine acres, and is beautifully laid out. It was first improved in 1880, and dedicated on the 17th of June in that year. It already contains the remains of numerous persons, including some removed from other cemeteries, and is an exceedingly pleasant resting place for the dead. In the old cemetery at Marysville rest many of the pioneer fathers and mothers of the place and its neighborhood. Numbers of the headstones are broken in pieces and fallen flat, and others are so worn by the storms of years that the inscriptions upon them cannot be deciphered. The following list includes a large proportion of those whose remains are here buried, with date of death and age:

John S. Fulton, died September 10, 1864, aged 75 years; Catharine, Maria Fulton, March 25, 1840, 12; Sally Ann, wife of Abram G. Davis, January 9, 1837, 21; Nathaniel Beecher, April 15, 1840, 30; Mary R., daughter of Moses and Mary A. Thompson, August 9, 1847, 22; Florence M., daughter of W. W. and Martha J. Woods, July 23, 1842, 2; Alexander Gibson, April 9, 1842, 52; Robert Gibson, October 30, 1844, 28; Elias Kelsey, September 5, 1854, 42; John Burns, December 22, 1839, 46; Mary Magdalena, his wife, August 27, 1868, 76; David, son of J. and Sarah Curl, June 8, 1840, 1; John H., son of Alexander and Elizabeth Pollock, July 26, 1831, 4; Elizaboth, wife of A. Pollock, February 10, 1846, 44; Rodney Pickett, September 18, 1852, 52; Mary, his wife, July 13, 1869, 72; Cyprian Lee, September 24, 1854, 62; Elizabeth B. Cooper, his wife, January 7, 1830, 23; Mary S. Irwin, his second wife, October 11, 1858, 60; Mrs. Mary Lee, March 21, 1842, 71; Mrs. Nancy Simmons, October 9, 1854, 70; Ann, wife of John Hawley, June 29, 1846, 63; Baty Hawley, March 14, 1838, 14; William Campbell, February 20, 1865, 66;

Ann, his wife, August 9, 1860, 52; Samuel Teas, March 8, 1843, 74; Margaret, his wife, May 17, 1847, 69; Margaret, wife of Rev. W. D. Smith, October 23, 1840, 34; Levi Phelps, November 27, 1863, 74; Lavina, wife of Forest Meeker, April 23, 1862, 89; Anne Phelps, wife of Joseph Peck, August 18, 1853, 61; Angella, consort of James Turner, August 22, 1840, 26; Bill Welch, October 31, 1859, 54; Amelia, his wife, May 20, 1853, 37; Alice B. Skinner, August 19, 1851, 68; Mary J., wife of J. C. Duree, October 14, 1845, 22; William C. Lawrence, Esq., September 21, 1846, 42; Rev. James Smith, June 2, 1874, 73; Matilda, his wife, November 3, 1852, 46; Samuel B. Johnson, June 17, 1843, 52; Aurelia, wife of Rowland Lee, November 14, 1858, 46; Lucina, wife of Cyrus Partridge, October 4, 1850, 57; Dr. Neil, April 2, 1857, 58; Sally, wife of Nathan Hartwell, July 26, 1845, 74; Sophronia S., wife of C. W. B. Allison, August 26, 1848, 22; Mary H., wife of William T. Brophy, October 2, 1850, 27; James Weller, March 24, 1872, 73; Chambers Dynes, January 3, 1857, 86; Somelia Dynes, December 31, 1856, 80; William Powl, April 15, 1854, 39; James C. Dynes, March 6, 1854, 57; Jacob Ashbaugh, May 4, 1851, 75; Sarah, wife of Rev. John Wilson, December 12, 1873, 69; William Gregg, September 30, 1846, 61; Elvira D., wife of W. M. Gregg, November 30, 1839, 18; William Wells, February 3, 1857, 77; Nancy, his wife, September 27, 1842, 59; Malinda, wife of William M. Page, October 17, 1838, 29; Calvin Winget, November 4, 1840, 39; Cynthia, his wife, August 20, 1845, 40; William Ward, January 17, 1848, 82; James L. Ward, December 26, 1843, 36; Nancy Ward, August 9, 1855, 45; George D. Witter, August 13, 1849, 25; Sally, wife of David Witter, June 13, 1838, 43; Martha Ann, wife of John Lundy, January 27, 1844, 19; Michael Mullin, March 15, 1836, 48; Stephen D. Mullin, April 28, 1834, 22; Letitia, his wife, September 28, 1834, 22; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Mullin, December 19, 1841, 50; James Carter, June 8, 1862, 48; Electa, wife of James Barbour, native of Bainbridge, N. Y., September 22, 1869, 70; John Weaver, Sr., April 23, 1880, 68; Elenor, wife of George Shape, September 2, 1867, 65; Rev. James Ryan, March 14, 1868, 77; Philadelphia, wife of Edward Weller, February 14, 1875, 66; Cornelius S. Hamilton, December 22, 1867, 46; Louisa B., his wife, May 24, 1868, 43; John C. Hull, December 30, 1872, 85; Jane T., his wife May 3, 1874, 84; Otway Curry, February 15, 1855, 51; Mrs. Mary Curry, April 21, 1856, 50; John Cassil, June 15, 1869, 66; Thomas Snodgrass, April 21, 1880, 72; William Snodgrass, March 10, 1842, 43; Benson Wilmeth, June 30, 1869, 73; William Alexander, February 6, 1871, 94; F. K. F. Melching, February 26, 1870, 77; Judah Dodge, April 23, 1869, 74; Thomas Turner, October 13, 1868, 59; David Robb, October 2, 1869, 90, Mary, wife of David Robb, September 10, 1865, 55; Robert Turner, March 13, 1869, 87; John C. Filler, April 3, 1864, 56; John W. Thompson, February 16, 1875, 77; Laura Sabin, March 10, 1880, 79; Susannah Sabin, April 28, 1866, 94; Joseph Kellogg, M. D., September 29, 1875, 81; Francis Bryant, August 20, 1877, 65; Matilda, consort of J. H. Shearer, March 26, 1865, 45; John Robb, September 5, 1865, 73; Margaret E., his wife, August 26, 1865, 65; D. D. Welsh, May 17, 1863, 45.

Several victims of the great and bloody civil war found a resting place in this cemetery, principal among whom is Col. Joseph G. Hawkins, killed at the battle of Stone River, Tenn., December 31, 1862. A neat monument was erected as a "tribute of respect by the officers of his regiment and his fellow-citizens." Col. Hawkins was only one of many who fell in that terrible four years' struggle, and who, in the sleep of patriot martyrs, "look proudly to heaven from the deathbed of fame."

"Rest on, embalmed and sainted dead,
Dear as the blood ye gave;
No impious footsteps here shall tread
The herbage of your grave;
Nor shall your glory be forgot
While Fame her record keeps,
Or honor points the hallowed spot
Where Valor proudly sleeps."

PARIS TOWNSHIP.

Paris Township was constituted by act of the Commissioners of Union County, March 12, 1821. Its bounds were then defined as follows:

"Beginning at the northeast corner of Darby, running west three and one-half miles; thence north to the north boundary of said county; all west to the line of Union Township to be known by the name of Paris." As thus created, Paris included a large portion of the county, but by the formation of new townships its limits have been gradually contracted, until it now possesses little more territory than the average of the fourteen townships of this county. It is favorably located, in the south central portion of the county, and probably contains the center of population within its limits. Marysville is situated a little south of its center. The Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad enters from Dover Township on the east, pursues a westerly and southwesterly course, and leaves the township near the southwest corner. Mill Creek is the only stream of note. It enters from the north, flows almost directly south, to near the center of the township, and, by an ever-tortuous course, proceeds eastwardly to Dover. The surface is usually level, and the soil of an excellent clay quality. The entire surface was densely timbered with the prevalent types of forest growth in this region at the coming of the pioneers, such as sugar, hickory, oak, beech, elm and walnut. The roads in this township are unexcelled in the county, and probably in the State. A dozen well-piked roads lead from Marysville in all directions.

EARLY SETTLERS.

The most important early settlement in what is now Paris Township was made in 1817, by Abraham Amrine and his sons, in what is still known as the Amrine settlement, about two miles northwest of Marysville. So far as known, it was the first settlement made; assuredly the first permanent settlement. A few squatters may have preceded the Amrines, in the occupancy of the soil of this township, but if so, all traces of them are lost. The Amrine family still has in its possession a considerable quantity of the survey upon which the original settler of this name settled sixty-six years ago.

Abraham Amrine was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1761. His ancestors had emigrated to America from Switzerland about the beginning of the eighteenth century. In 1785, Mr. Amrine married Mary Wolford, and in 1801 removed from Pennsylvania, to near St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio. In 1817, he purchased from Samuel Davis, of Franklin County, the John Overton survey, of 750⅗ acres, No. 4,066, which, however, contained nearly 1,000 acres, paying for it $2 an acre. This was at that time a high price for wild land, but the survey was located on a bend of Mill Creek, and the rich bottom lands it contained enhanced its value above that of land less favorably situated. The same year he removed to it from Belmont County, with his six sons—John, Andrew, Moses, Frederick, Jeremiah and Abraham, Jr.—four of whom were married, and brought their families with them. Mr. Amrine's family consisted of seven sons and one daughter, the eldest of the family. The other son—Henry—subsequently removed to Paris Township; the daughter married Joseph Worley, and lived near Wheeling, W. Va.

Mr. Amrine built his log cabin on the hill west of the Newton pike, where the bend is made in the road. To each of his boys he gave 100 acres of land, and the work of clearing the farms was at once commenced in earnest. They had few—if any—neighbors at first, but formed quite a colony among themselves. They were a rugged, hardy people, fully fitted to cope with the difficulties and endure the hardships of their wilderness homes. They were religious, frugal and industrious, and soon had fruitful farms, while on all sides, for miles, was yet one deep, dense forest. Abraham Amrine, Sr., died November 14, 1849, at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years. His wife, Mary, had preceded him to the grave many years. She died in September, 1823, only six years after their removal here, at the age of sixty-three years.

John Amrine, the eldest son, was born in 1787. In Belmont County, he married Drusie Worley. She died before the removal to Paris Township. and he was again married to Nancy Miller. By the first marriage his children were Andrew, Wesley, Willam, Sarah and Mary; by the second, John, Julia Ann, Alexander, Maria, Harrison, Sylas and Roxa. He was a lifelong farmer of this township, and died September 15, 1864, aged seventy-seven years. His wife, Nancy, died July 31, 1861, aged seventy-five years.

Henry Amrine, the second son, was born in 1789. He did not move to this township till the fall of 1820. His father desired that he should live in the same settlement with himself and his remaining sons, and offered him, as an inducement to move, 100 acres, upon which was a good mill site. He built his cabin in the green woods a few rods west of where the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Amrine now stands. In 1822, he built the saw mill on the exact site of the present mill. It was one of the first mills erected on Mill Creek. In 1825, the grist mill was added. These mills remained in the possession of the Amrine family for more than fifty years. Henry Amrine had married Mary Powers, who was born near Richmond, Va., September 2, 1785. Their children were John, Elizabeth. Josiah, Susan, Abraham, Mercy, Henry, Smith and Andrew. The first six were born in Belmont County, the last three here. Four are still living—John, in Piqua, Ohio; Susan, who became the wife of Samuel Reed, in Missouri; Henry and Andrew, in Paris Township. The wife, Mary, died in 1851, at the age of sixty-five years. Henry survived until the seventy-sixth year of his age. His death occurred August 12, 1864.

Andrew Amrine, the third son of Abraham, was born in Pennsylvania in 1791. He married Mercy Westlake, and had but one child, Sidy Ann. He was for many years Justice of the Peace, was a man of profound religious character, and possessed more than ordinary intelligence. His earthly career was closed November 2, 1859, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, Mercy, died in 1864, aged seventy-one years. The only child, Sidy Ann, the wife of Zephaniah Reed, died in 1851, aged thirty-seven years.

Moses Amrine, who was born in 1797, married Elizabeth Watkins. Their children were Mahala, Nancy, Sarah, Washington, Polly Ann, Annetta and Melissa. Moses Amrine remained a resident of Paris Township through life, and died November 6, 1874, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1854.

Frederick, Jeremiah and Abraham, Jr., the three younger boys, removed with their families to the West. Frederick married Rachel Burris, and their children were Keziah, George, Amos, Maria, Nancy and James. His wife, Rachel, died in 1827, at the early age of thirty-two years.

Jeremiah Amrine married Mary Shearer. Their children are Valentine and Polly Ann. The former of these resides in Troy, Ohio; the latter, now the wife of John Bellville, resides in Iowa.

Abraham Amrine, Jr., was married to Catharine McAdams, who died young. He then removed to Illinois, where he was killed by a heavily loaded wagon running over him.

The Amrines were among the best, as they were the first, citizens of Paris Township. They nearly all lived to a good age, and have left an impress upon the community for good, which cannot be effaced for a long time to come. They were earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Church, and the founders of religious life in this locality. In politics, they were strongly Whig; the descendants, it is said, without exception, are now Republican.

Hezekiah Bates, a blacksmith, hailing from New Jersey, came about 1817, and settled on the W. H. Robb place, just north of Marysville. He resided here for many years, and cleared up a portion of the farm, besides working at his trade. He then removed to Madison County, Ind., where he died.

John Donly was from Belmont County, and came to Paris Township with the Amrines, or soon after. His wife was Elizabeth Miller. He settled on the Amrine tract, east of the creek, and died years afterward in the township, leaving a posterity which is still represented here.

A settlement was made about 1817 or 1818, on the site of Marysville and just north of it, by Jonathan Summers and Nathan and Eli Lundy. They came together from Fayette County. None of them purchased land. Mr. Summers built his cabin and cleared a patch for corn in what is now Marysville. He taught school a term about three-fourths of a mile to the west. In a few years, he returned to Fayette County with his family, and there died. Nathan Lundy selected a spot for his cabin just north of Marysville, and lived there six years; he then returned to Fayette County. Eli Lundy was a nephew to Nathan. He was born in Washington County, Penn., and came here from Fayette County with his wife, Phœbe (McVay), and two children. He built a cabin on what is now the Clement place, just northwest of Marysville, remained here about five years, then removed further east, near the fair grounds, where his uncle had lived. Four or five years later he came to Marysville, and for a time was engaged in keeping hotel. In 1844, he emigrated to Iowa, where he died. At the time of his departure, he was the happy parent of eleven children, who accompanied him to the West.

Abraham Steiner came in 1819. He was born in Pennsylvania, and there acquired the weaver's trade. He lost his father when he was quite small, and moved to Chillicothe, Ohio, with Col. Ambrose Meeker. He lived with him till the opening of the war of 1812, when Col. Ambrose went to the front, and Mr. Steiner removed to Madison County. He had married Elizabeth Lewis about 1807. While in Madison County, he received the false impression that by settling in Paris Township, and clearing a tract of land, 100 acres would be deeded to him. Acting on the information, he entered the township March 25, 1819. He remained a week in a sugar camp on what is now the John Weaver place. south of Marysville, where James Beatley and Levin Gibson, then of Madison County, were engaged in boiling sugar. He then continued eastward a few miles to Dover Township, and took up his abode in the cabin of Stephen Dysard until June 19 following, by which time, with the assistance of the scattering settlers in Dover, he had built a cabin on what is now known as the Hawley place, nearly two miles east of Marysville, on the Dover pike. He at once moved into it, and remained there for twelve years, except two years spent at Urbana, engaged in clearing the land and in weaving. He then removed to Knox County, where he purchased a farm, and eight years later to Clayton County, Iowa. He died there at the age of eighty-four years. He raised six children—Christian, Joseph, Mary (Sager), Catharine (Myers), Eliza Ann (Coulter) and Abraham. Only two are now living in Union County—Christian in Dover Township, Catharine at Peoria. Mr. Steiner was a Democrat in politics, of German descent, and for a time a Methodist, afterward a Baptist. When he came, in 1819, no cabin stood between his and Jonathan Summers' at the site of Marysville, and the few scattering settlers were all squatters, except the Amrines.

At various points along Mill Creek, cabins were erected, and small clearings made, by persons called squatters, who settled upon the land only temporarily, and without any intention of acquiring a title to it. This class of settlements was almost the only kind for some years. The sojourn of the squatters was usually brief. They enjoyed best that free and easy life to be found on the extreme frontier, where their wants were few and easily supplied, and as incoming settlements encroached upon their freedom, many of them took up their few worldly effects and sought new homes deeper in the solitudes of undisturbed nature. Their stay was generally so transient that few traces were left of their occupancy. Their politics was generally Democratic; their religion, not strongly marked. A few squatters afterward purchased land here and became permanent settlers.

Levin Gibson, in the fall of 1819, settled on what is now the John W. Robinson place, just northeast of Marysville. He was born in Virginia, married Rachel Insley, of New Jersey, at Chillicothe, and removed to Madison County, whence he came here. He had six children—Ruth (Steiner), Lydia (Wilmuth), Robert of Marysville, Susan (Little) and Sarah (Snodgrass), of Marysville, and William, who died in the army. Mr. Gibson was a lifelong farmer, but did not acquire any land in his own name.

Joel Hinkle, about 1818, brought a drove of hogs from Clark County, to range along Mill Creek. They belonged to Henry Van Meter, of Springfield, and Judge Reynolds, of Urbana. He built a cabin on the Robinson place, northeast of Marysville, but remained in it only a year. Elijah Holloway, from Ross County, then took possession of the cabin and occupied it for a short time, but, tiring of this county, he returned to Ross. Lemuel Godfrey was the next temporary occupant of the little cabin. He, too, hailed from Ross County, and after tarrying here for a few years, departed for the State of Iowa. William Shelpman, from Ross County, in the fall of 1819, settled on Mill Creek and died there. William Worley, from the same county, was another squatter. John Streets lived for awhile in the bend of the creek, just north of Marysville. Sampson Hubbell, lived for a few years, commencing about 1820, two and one-half miles west of Marysville. He owned no property, and moved West. Joseph Bell built a cabin on the Robert Belt farm, northeast of Marysville. He was from Ross County, and stayed only a short time. George Cline, from Madison County, about 1821 settled on the Daniel Longbrake farm. The locality was known in early times as "Cline's Bottoms." He remained till the land was sold, then returned to Madison County. James Bradley, a local Methodist preacher, came from Ross County in 1819, and took possession of a cabin site in the eastern part of the township, but acquired no property there. He afterward moved to Hardin County, and bought a small farm, on which he died. His son, Martin, married Elizabeth Wilmuth, and moved to Missouri. Joseph Russell, in 1819, settled on the John B. Weller place, on the eastern line of the township. He emigrated from New Jersey to London, Madison County, there married Mrs. Nancy Reeves and came here. He afterward removed to the West.

John Barker, about 1818, settled in Survey 4,074, three or four miles northwest from Marysville. He was originally from Virginia; had married Mary Hoyt in Pennsylvania. Some time after he came, he sold 100 acres on the north side of Mill Creek to Samuel Westlake and removed to the Amrine farm. His wife died October 28, 1853. Mr. Barker died near Lewisburg in 1870, aged seventy-three years. He had a family of twelve children, some of whom still reside in this township.

Jonathan Brooks was one of the earliest citizens of the township. He owned no property, and resided on the Amrine settlement. He was an earnest Methodist and a well respected man.

George Westlake, a native of Maryland, came, with his wife Mercy, from Belmont County in 1821. He was at this time well advanced in life. He had raised a large family of children, most of whom had married before he removed to this township. His daughter Mercy was the wife of Andrew Amrine, and he lived on his farm. Another daughter, Mrs. John Elliott, afterward removed to this township. Mr. and Mrs. Westlake were members of the Methodist Church, and both died in extreme old age at their home in this township.

Samuel Westlake the son of George and Mercy Westlake, moved from Belmont County in October, 1826, and settled on a small farm of fifty acres in the southeast corner of Survey 4,074, several miles northwest of Marysville. It was wholly covered with forest when he came, and a spot was cleared as a site for the little cabin, which he at once built and moved into. Afterward, when he was felling the timber, close by, it became necessary for the safety of his family that they leave the cabin, as there was danger of trees falling across it and crushing it in. Mr. Westlake was a farmer and a shoe-maker, and pursued both avocations. He was a Methodist and a Democrat. His wife was Elizabeth Reed, who died in 1851. Mr. Westlake attained the age of eighty-five years. He had eleven children, two of whom remained in Belmont County after his departure, but subsequently followed him to Paris Township. They were: Josiah, of this township; Nancy, wife of Henry Jordan, of Allen Township; Samuel, of Kansas; Zephaniah, who died here; James, of Delaware County; George, who died in Missouri; Elizabeth, wife of Wesley Amrine, of Marysville; Mercy, who died unmarried; Richard, of Missouri; Mary, who married Thomas Peacock, and is now deceased; and William, of Missouri.

John and George Howser, brothers, from Licking County, were among the earliest settlers. They occupied farms on Survey 5,138, north of the Amrine settlement. After a residence here of considerable length, they removed to Hardin County and purchased land on which Kenton has since been built.

Lemuel, Joseph and William Wilmuth, three brothers, were early settlers. William Wilmuth was born in Maryland, and emigrated to Ross County, Ohio; thence he removed to Paris Township, in 1820 or 1821, and settled on Mill Creek, northeast of Marysville. He was a farmer, but owned no land here. His wife was Susan Carr, who bore him a large family of children. His brother-in-law, Reuben Carr, accompanied him here from Ross County. He was a bachelor, and made his home with the Wilmuths until his death, about 1840. Soon after, Mr. Wilmuth removed to Hardin County, and bought a farm close by Kenton. Later in life, he moved to Missouri, where he died. Lemuel and Joseph Wilmuth settled south of Marysville. Lemuel died in Hardin County. Joseph moved to Missouri, and finished his earthly course in that State.

Adam Wolford, in 1821, settled north of Marysville, near the fair grounds. His boyhood was spent in Guernsey County. He removed to Knox County, and there married Catharine Wolford several years prior to his removal to Paris Township. By trade and occupation he was a carpenter, and

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soon settled in Marysville, where he died June 10, 1863, aged sixty-five years.

Elijah Wolford, distantly related to Adam Wolford, moved to the township a few years later, from Belmont County. He was a farmer, and first settled in the Amrine neighborhood; then two and one-half miles north of Marysville, on the Pharisburg road, where he died.

Jacob Parthemore, about 1820, shortly after his marriage to Sarah Thornton, settled in the extreme southwestern part of the township He is of German descent, and formerly resided in the southern part of the county.

Tobias Bigler came to the township in 1825. He was born in Berks County, Penn., in 1805, of German parentage. In 1809, he emigrated to Licking County with his parents, and the year following they removed to Fairfield County, where Tobias remained until he came here. In January, 1827, he married Miss Sarah Amrine, the daughter of John Amrine. He purchased 100 acres of woodland northwest of Marysville, paying for it $450. As this was cleared, he added more to it. After the decease of his wife, he was re-united in marriage with Nancy Burrows. By his first marriage he had twelve children, eight of whom are now living—Samuel, Mary A., Andrew, John, Eliza, Daniel, Harrison and James M.; by the second he has but one child, Nelson H. Mr. Bigler is still a resident of the township.

In 1828, John Elliott became a citizen of Paris. He was born in Maryland, and previous to his settlement here had lived in Belmont and Adams Counties, and had married Hannah Westlake. Within a few years after he came, he was the owner of a farm of 200 acres in the northwestern part of the township, where he passed the remainder of his life. In earlier life, he was an ardent Methodist, but he afterward was one of the prime movers in the organization of the United Brethren Church. His politics were Democratic. Mr. Elliott was twice married. By the first marriage he had two children, by the last ten, many of whom still live in Paris Township.

About 1827, William Gregg, of Ross County, purchased and settled on a small farm in Survey 1,913, now owned by Tobias Bigler. He died at Marysville.

Hezekiah Burdick was an early settler on Mill Creek, in the eastern part of the township. He afterward removed to Richwood, opening the first store in that village.

David Dickson was an early settler in the eastern part of the township. He had previously lived in Mill Creek Township.

James Richey, John Sovereign, Coats Thornton, William Wells and William Youst were also early settlers. Mr. Richey was a Virginian. He located east of Marysville, on the farm now owned by Harvey Wood. He removed to Delaware County, near Millville. John Sovereign came from Madison County. He lived, for a time, northeast of Marysville, on the Robinson farm; then removed to Leesburg Township, where he purchased land and died. Coats Thornton was from Virginia. He afterward resided in Marysville. Mr. Wells came from Belmont County about 1828. He bought and occupied a small place on Survey 1,913, and afterward removed to Marysville, where he died. William Youst was a squatter, and came here very early. He was a Virginian, and had lived in Greene County before coming to Paris Township. He occupied a place north of the Amrine settlement, but soon departed for parts unknown.

THE BLOCK-HOUSE.

On the Powers place, in Survey 5,736, a block-house was erected in 1812, by the settlers in the southern part of what is now Union and those in Madison County, as a defense against threatened Indian attacks from the north. It stood east of Edward Powers' residence, near the west bank of Mill Creek, in the path of an Indian trail, which passed north and south. The block-house was made of hewn logs, and its dimensions were probably fifteen by twenty-four feet. It was two stories in height, and on all sides were small port holes, about four inches square. For about two weeks after this means of defense was hastily constructed, it was strongly garrisoned by the settlers from below, as it was believed the expected Indian descent would be made by way of this trail, which was their usual route in traveling south. At last the rumor gained currency that the savages were about to invade the settlements below from another direction, and the occupants of the fort precipitately left it and returned to their defenseless families. No hostile Indians, however, ever appeared in this vicinity. The block-house was afterward occupied as a dwelling.

CHURCHES.

"One of the greatest sources of anxiety to the older Amrines was how to bring up their children surrounded by proper religious influences. It was finally resolved to organize a church here in the woods, and in 1821 the Amrine Church was organized. They had been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Belmont County, and for several years they were about the only members of the church here. Andrew was the first leader and steward, and was a leader almost continually to the time of his death. John and Jeremiah were also leaders for many years. This point was at first a part of the London Circuit, and its pastors were Rev. George W. Maley and Rev. Aaron Wood. Afterward came Richard Brandriff, Rev. Shaw and many other circuit riders of pioneer days, when a circuit was two or three hundred miles around, and the preachers traveled on horseback with the old saddlebags behind them, and when, in their lonely travels, they were often soaked by the drenching rain, pelted by the rattling hail, or blinded and frozen by the driving snow; when the hungry wolf often gave him chase, and the growling bear was heard by the way. Often, very often, when the preacher was expected, has the good woman of the house sat up till late in the night, to have ready for him a warm supper after the weary day's journey."

As new settlers located in the neighborhood the membership became stronger, for nearly every one in that day near this settlement united with the class. Among the earliest members, besides the Amrines, were the Westlakes, John Donly, who was class leader for awhile, George Houser, also class leader, John Houser and Jonathan Brooks. The services were held at the cabin of Andrew Amrine, until a round-log cabin was erected a few rods south of where the church now stands. This old log building was also used as a schoolhouse. The earliest teachers were Mr. Williams, George Snodgrass and Peyton Smith. It was destroyed by fire, and a hewed-log church was erected on what is now a part of the Amrine Cemetery. The present Amrine Church, one and one-half miles northwest of Marysville, was built in 1853, and dedicated on Sunday, August 28, 1853, by Rev. S. M. Merrill. The membership is not as strong now as it was years ago. The charge is attached to the Newton Circuit. Rev. Littell is the present pastor. A Sabbath school was organized about 1828, by Rev. Shaw. It is still maintained.

Mount Zion United Brethren Church is located about three miles northwest of Marysville. The society was organized here nearly forty years ago Its membership was drawn largely from the Methodist Church. Rev. Frederick Hendricks first preached at the house of Samuel Elliott. He was followed by Rev. Snell. Soon after, Rev. William Miller organized the society. Among the earliest members were Samuel Elliott, Mrs. Elizabeth Elliott, John Elliott, Sally Beightler, Charity Moore, Emma Moore, Lydia Moore, and

Weldon and Jane Elliott. A frame church was soon erected on a lot donated to the society by Samuel Elliott. It remained the place of worship until 1876, when the present church was erected. It is about 36x40 feet in size and cost about $850. It was dedicated November 26, 1876, by Bishop Weaver. It was, at the time, completely finished, including furniture, carpets and bell, and was dedicated free of all indebtedness. The membership is now about sixty. Rev. R. G. Montgomery is the pastor in charge. A successful Sabbath school has been mantained for many years.

St. John's (German) Evengelical Lutheran Church had a house of worship on the extreme southern line of Paris Township for a number of years, but subsequently abandoned it and removed to Darby Township. In the history of this latter township an account of this church may be found.

ELECTIONS.

The first election held in Paris Township, was for the selection of a Justice of the Peace, September 29, 1821. Nathan Lundy, Hezekiah Bates and Andrew Amrine were the Judges, and Ralph R. Phelps and Andrew Woodrough, Clerks. Thirteen votes were cast, of which William Wilmuth received nine and Mathias Collins four. At the State election in the following month, only eleven votes were cast. Nicholas Hatheway for Representative, Levi Phelps for County Auditor and Robert Nelson for County Commissioner received the entire vote.

The following is a complete abstract of the vote of the township for Governor.

1822—Jeremiah Morrow, 19.

1824—Jeremiah Morrow, 3; Allen Trimble, 29; total, 32.

1826—John Bigger, 3; Allen Trimble, 30; total, 33.

1828—John W. Campbell, 15; Allen Trimble, 27; total, 42.

1830—Duncan McArthur, 48; Robert Lucas, 15; total, 63.

1832—Darius Lyman, Whig, 34; Robert Lucas, Democrat, 50; total, 84.

1834—James Finley, Whig, 57; Robert Lucas, Democrat, 33; total, 90.

1836—Joseph Vance, Whig, 143; Eli Baldwin, Democrat, 70; total, 213.

1838—Joseph Vance, Whig, 89; Wilson Shannon, Democrat, 82; total, 171.

1840—Thomas Corwin, Whig, 128; Wilson Shannon, Democrat, 80; total, 208.

1842—Thomas Corwin, Whig, 103; Wilson Shannon, Democrat, 87; Leicester King, Abolitionist, 9; total, 199.

1844—Mordecai Bartley, Whig, 112; David Tod, Democrat, 117; Leicester King, Abolitionist, 3; total, 232.

1846—William Bebb, Whig, 117; David Tod, Democrat, 114; Samuel Lewis, Abolitonist, 4; total, 235.

1848—Seabury Ford, Whig, 149; John B. Weller, Democrat, 117; scattering, 2; total, 266.

1850—William Johnson, Whig, 156; Reuben Wood, Democrat, 118; Edward Smith, Abolitionist, 5; total, 289.

18 51—Samuel F. Vinton, Whig. 148; Reuben Wood, Democrat, 129; Samuel Lewis, Abolitionist, 8; total, 285.

1853—Nelson Barrere, Whig, 162; William Medill, Democrat, 135; Samuel Lewis, Abolitionist, 34; total, 331.

1855—S. P. Chase, Fusionist, 171; William Medill, Democrat, 136; Allen Trimble, Know Nothing, 31; total, 338.

1857—S. P. Chase, Republican, 117; H. B. Payne, Democrat, 163; P. Van Trump, Know Nothing, 50; total, 330.

1859—William Dennison, Republican, 135; R. P. Ranney, Democrat, 196; total, 331.

1861—David Tod, Republican, 241; H. J. Jewett, Democrat, 149; total, 390.

1863—John Brough, Republican, 271; C. L. Vallandigham, 192; total, 463.

1865—J. D. Cox, Republican, 259; George W. Morgan, Democrat, 207; total, 466.

1867—R. B. Hayes, Republican, 267; A. G. Thurman, Democrat, 281; total, 548.

1869—R. B. Hayes, Republican, 287; G. H. Pendleton, Democrat, 288; total, 575.

1871—E. F. Noyes, Republican, 325; " George W. McCook, Democrat, 272; Gideon T. Stewart, Prohibitionist, 2; total, 599.

1873—E. F. Noyes, Republican, 241; William Allen, Democrat, 302; Isaac C. Collins, Liberal Republican, 20; G. T. Stewart, Prohibitionist, 57; total, 620.

1875—R. B. Hayes, Republican, 370; William Allen, Democrat, 370; total, 740.

1877—William H. West, Republican, 386; R. M. Bishop, Democrat, 403; H. A. Thompson, Prohibitionist, 20; scattering, 1; total, 810.

1879—Charles Foster, Republican, 464; Thomas Ewing, Democrat, 425; Gideon T. Stewart, Prohibitionist, 21; total, 910.

1881—Charles Foster, Republican, 481; J. W. Bookwalter, Democrat, 394; A. R. Ludlow, Prohibitionist, 35; total, 910.

In 1876, Rutherford B. Hayes received, for President, 418 votes; Samuel J. Tilden received 395; Prohibition vote, 3; total, 816.

In 1880, James A. Garfield, Republican, received 516; Winfield S. Hancock, Democrat, 421; Neal Dow, Prohibitionist, 9; total, 946.

The Justices of the Peace in and for Paris Township, with their respective dates of commission, are as follows:

William Wilmuth, September 29, 1821; Andrew Amrine, July 1, 1824; Silas G. Strong. March 30, 1825; Andrew Amrine, July 31, 1827; Ira Wood, March 20, 1828; Ira Wood, March 19, 1831; Andrew Amrine, September 19, 1836; Ira Wood, April 15, 1837; James Turner, August 21, 1837; William H., Frank and Aquilla Turner, October 7, 1839; James Turner, June 23, 1840; William H. Frank and Aquilla Turner, October 8, 1842; James Turner, July 15, 1843; George W. Cherry, January 13, 1844; James M. Wilkinson, November 6, 1844; Joshua Marshall, November 15, 1845; James Turner, June 2, 1846; James M. Wilkinson, November 17, 1847; Joshua Marshall, November 11, 1848; James Turner, June 9, 1849, resigned October 25, 1851; James Miller, November 23, 1850; John B. Coats and William Smith, November 22, 1851; John Barbour, November 18, 1853, resigned March 22, 1856; William Smith and Robert Turner, November 25, 1854; George Lincoln, April 18, 1856; John B. Coats and Seth McMahill, November 21, 1857; William H. Robb, October 26, 1858; James D. Smith, October 18, 1859; Seth McMahill, December 10, 1860; A. F. Wilkins and William M. Robinson, January 30, 1862; Seth McMahill, December 17, 1863, resigned September 21, 1866; A. F. Wilkins, John N. Rathbun and M. C. Lawrence, January 14, 1865; John Cassil, April 11, 1867; A. F. Wilkins, February 1, 1868; Wesley Garrard, April 14, 1868; William M. Robinson, October 22, 1869; A. F. Wilkins and Wesley Garrard, April 6, 1871; Tabor Randall, April 11, 1873; A. F. Wilkins and Wesley Garrard, April 13, 1874; Henry King and W. M. Robinson, April 10, 1876; Wesley Garrard, April 12, 1877; Edward E. Cole and Henry

J. King, April 11, 1879; Wesley Garrard, April 17, 1880; John H. Kinkade and W. M. Winget, April 14, 1882.

SURVEYS.

The original surveys that are included within the limits of Paris Township, together with their respective areas, location, original owners, surveyors and dates of survey, are as follows:

No. 1913, 800 acres, about two miles northwest of Marysville; Thomas Kennon, assignee; surveyed by Joseph Kerr May 31, 1802.

Nos. 2,254 and 2,256, 1,000 acres each, southeast part of the township; Edward Dowse, assignee; surveyed by Nathaniel Massie August 21, 1798.

Nos. 3,350 3,351 and 3,354, 1,087 acres each, in the eastern and central part of the township, the latter two including the site of Marysville; Edward Dowse, assignee, original proprietor; surveyed August 22 and 23, 1798, by Nathaniel Massie.

Nos. 3,352 and 3,353, 800 acres each, northeast of Marysville; Edward Dowse, assignee; surveyed August 22, 1798, by Nathaniel Massie.

No. 4,066, 750 acres, north of Marysville; John Overton, original proprietor; surveyed October 20, 1801, by Joseph Kerr.

No. 4,069, 1,000 acres, south of Marysville; Elizabeth Rickman, widow of Dr. William Rickman, original proprietor; surveyed October 24, 1801, by Joseph Kerr.

No. 4,072, 600 acres, in the northeast part of township; Elizabeth Rickman, proprietor; surveyed by Joseph Kerr, May 31, 1802.

No. 4,073, 666⅔ acres, northwest corner of township; Elizabeth Rickman, proprietor; surveyed October 29, 1801, by Joseph Kerr.

No. 4,074, 600 acres, in northwest part of township; Benjamin Biggs, assignee, proprietor; surveyed by Joseph Kerr, October 25, 1801.

No. 4,075, 666⅔ acres, in northwest part of township; Benjamin Biggs, assignee, proprietor; surveyed October 29, 1801, by Joseph Kerr.

No. 5,006, 200 acres, in southwest part of township; Bazaleel Morris, proprietor; surveyed November 5, 1807, by James Galloway.

No. 5,053, 126 acres, in southwest part of township; Peter Manifold, assignee, proprietor, surveyed October 18, 1807, by Duncan McArthur.

No. 5,136, 800 acres, on north line of township; John Pride, heir-at-law of William Pride, proprietor; surveyed January 23, 1807, by James Galloway.

No. 5,138, 666⅔ acres, in northern part of township; Baylor Hill, proprietor, surveyed by James Galloway, January 7, 1807.

No. 5,140, 433⅓ acres, in southeast corner of township; Richard C. Anderson, assignee, proprietor; surveyed February 19, 1807, by James Galloway, Jr.

No. 5,141 100 acres, in southeast corner of township; William Steele, proprietor; surveyed April 19, 1817, by James Galloway, Jr.

Nos. 5,292 and 12,398, 440 acres, in southwest part of township; James Galloway, proprietor; surveyed by James Galloway, November 6, 1833.

No. 5,390, 666⅔ acres, northeast corner of township; Robert Means, assignee, proprietor, surveyed by James Galloway, Jr., May 26, 1807.

No. 5,392, 642 acres, northeast part of township; Robert Means, assignee, proprietor; surveyed by James Galloway, Jr., May 28, 1807.

No. 5,416, 500 acres, west of Marysville; Nathan Lamme, proprietor; surveyed December 20, 1807, by James Galloway.

No. 5,503, 540 acres, on north line of township; Robert Means, assignee, proprietor; surveyed by James Galloway, Jr., July 30, 1807.

No. 5,728, 1,567 acres, on west line of township; Robert Means, assignee, proprietor; surveyed February 24, 1808, by James Galloway, Jr.

No. 1,200, 44 acres, in southwest part of township; Robert Means, assignee, proprietor; surveyed December 18, 1823, by James Galloway, Jr.

No. 12,314, 90 acres, in southwest corner of township; William Withers, proprietor; surveyed by Duncan McArthur, October 22, 1824.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

ABRAHAM AMRINE (deceased), an old and highly respected pioneer of Union County, was born March 13, 1818, and died June 24, 1878. He was the third son of Henry and Mary Amrine, who came to Union County in 1821. He passed his boyhood and early life on his father's farm, and assisted him in clearing it up. September 12, 1839, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Mackelfish, a native of Pickaway County, where she was born, April 26, 1818. Her parents, George and Malinda Mackelfish, came to this county in 1833, and settled near Richwood, where they both ended their days; the former died August 25, 1861, and the latter April 16, 1860. Mr. and Mrs. Amrine were the parents of eleven children, of whom six are living: Mary M., wife of John Neulove; Sarah E., wife of Oliver Shaw; Elsworth, married Elizabeth Johnson; Henry N., married Sarah E. Wells, Martha E., wife of Lewis Bonnette, and Abraham, who married Ora Lee. In 1839, Mr. Amrine purchased 103 acres of the farm he left at his death. It was in its primeval state when he settled on it, which was in the fall of 1839. By earnest and constant labor he cleared up his farm to a cultivated state, and made additions, till he became the owner of 406 acres of valuable land, on which he made most of the improvements. He embarked in life with small means, and in the woods; but by his untiring industry, economy and good business management he accumulated large property. He displayed a lively interest in all religious and educational matters. He and wife were members of the Marysville M. E. Church, with which church he was identified for over forty-two years. He served in the capacity of class leader for eighteen years. He aided liberally in the erection of the M. E. Church of Marysville, with which he was associated till his death.

HENRY N. AMRINE, farmer, P. O., Marysville, son of Abraham and Nancy Amrine, was born on the homestead April 17, 1851. He was brought up to farming, and has always pursued that avocation, in connection with keeping thoroughbred Spanish Merino sheep, which he has followed the last five years with fine success. His marriage occurred October 3, 1872, with Miss Sarah E. Wells, a native of Licking County, where she was born February 11, 1852. Her parents were Joseph and Mary Wells. Five children were the issue of this union: Mary O., Nancy C., Alice G., Henry C., and an infant daughter, deceased. Mr. Amrine owns a well improved farm of ninety-one acres. He is identified with the society of K. of P. and I. O. of R. M. Politically, he is a Republican. Mr. A. is a member of the M. E. Church.

HENRY AMRINE, a prominent farmer of Paris Township, was born on the old Amrine homestead November 21, 1821. He is a son of Abram and Mary Amrine, and a grandson of— ———, who were among the earliest pioneers of Paris Township, and whose history is given in the general history of the township. Mr. Amrine is the fourth son and seventh child of ten children. He passed his early life on his father's new and forest-like farm, and received his training in the common schools of the county. In 1842, soon after his marriage, he located on 100 acres of land, which now constitute a part of his extensive farm. His marriage occurred April 26, 1842, to Miss Martha Irvin, daughter of William and Amelia (Evans) Irvin. The former came from Ireland with his parents some time prior to the Revolutionary war. His father was a soldier in that war, and received wounds from which he died a short time after its close. Mrs. Irvin was born in Staunton, Va; her parents were natives of Wales, and also emigrated to America before Revolutionary days. Mrs. Amrine is a native of Madison County, Ohio; was born April 14, 1820. Mr. and Mrs. Amrine were blessed with three children, two of whom are living, viz.: Alfred, born February 7, 1843, married January 12, 1869, to Miss Lucy Edson, and have two children—Nellie and Curtis; Mary A., the youngest child was born January 22, 1849, and was married November 1, 1868, to H. H. Whelpley; they have two children—Edwin and James. Asbury L., the second child, was born July 14, 1845, and died November 14, 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Amrine started in life together, like many of their pioneer cotemporaries, in limited circumstances and with few advantages. The farm on which they settled was largely and heavily timbered at the time, and it was through the strongest exertions that they overcame the many difficulties and obstacles of their pioneer life, and acquired for themselves a competence. By their active energy and industry they have accumulated large and valuable property, their farm consisting of over 700 acres of well improved land, besides large herds of live stock. In these years of their existence their lives have not been given wholly to the accumulation of wealth; they have displayed a deep and active interest in the religious and educational institutions of the county and State. For many years they have been prominently identified with the Old Amrine M. E. Church and its missions. They are among the largest contributors to the Ohio Wesleyan University, having bestowed about $30,000 on that institution. Of late years Mr. Amrine has devoted his attention to raising fine sheep and horses, and has been successful in that avocation. His political affiliations have always been with the Republican party.

WILLIAM P. ANDERSON, druggist, Marysville. This gentleman was born in Montgomery County, Pa., January 31, 1835. His parents, John and Sarah (Price) Anderson, were natives and residents of that county Being left an orphan at the age of five years, under the old law of Pennsylvania, was bound out to learn the saddler's trade, and when but twelve years old, had made everything in the harness line, from a whip to a saddle; at the age of thirteen, engaged at farm work; between the ages of fifteen and twenty-one, learned both tailoring and cabinet-making. The subject of this sketch came to Ohio in 1856, locating in Lancaster, Ohio, where for a short time he worked at the carpenter's trade. In 1857, was appointed one of the officers of the Ohio Penitentiary, then under the Wardenship of John Ewing, of Chillicothe; resigned in 1858, and in connection with his brother-in-law, John H. Shearer, came to Marysville, Ohio, the same year, and engaged in the publication of the Marysville *Tribune*, and was also appointed Deputy Sheriff under Gen. A. Wiley. In 1861, was appointed Postmaster under President Lincoln's administration. Early in 1863, was appointed Deputy Provost Marshall for the Eighth Congressional District, resigned both positions in1863, and enlisted in the Ninth Ohio Independent Cavalry, known as the President's Escort, or Union Light Guards. Shortly after arriving in Washington, D. C, was detailed by Col. Wisewell, Military Governor of the District. for clerical duty on general and regular court martials. Subsequently, by special order of Secretary of War Stanton, was transferred to the War Department proper and assigned to duty in the Briefing Department, where, soon after, he was placed in charge of the briefers, which position he held until mustered out with the command. At the organization of the Thirty-ninth Congress, December, 1865, received the first appointment as one of the officers of House post office. During the last session of the Thirty ninth Congress, served as private secretary to Capt. Ira Goodno, Door-keeper of the House. In the Fortieth Congress, was appointed one of the officers in the Door-keeper's Department, and remained in the service until 1875, when he resigned. During his service in the War Department he briefed the last document ever signed by President Lincoln. In the fall of 1875 he engaged with a house in Columbus as a commercial traveler until 1879, when he purchased the interests of J. J. Gledhill in the drug business in this city. John W., his son, having practical experience, is associated with him. Major Anderson, as our subject is familiarly known, is a member of the Ohio State Pharmaceutical Association, Mustering Officer of the Fifteenth District of Ohio G. A. R., and has taken all the degrees of Masonry in the York and A.·. A.·. Scottish Rites, excepting the 33d. He has served as member of the City Council, and has always taken an active part in public affairs, and strongly attached to the interests of the Republican party. He was married February, 1858, to Miss Martha A. Kishler, daughter of John Kishler, late of Somerset, Perry Co., Ohio. John Willis and Emma E. are the fruits of this union.

F. T. ARTHUR, merchant, Marysville. Charles and Harriet A. (Mealey) Arthur, the parents of our subject, were both natives of Maryland, and migrated to the West and formed a home in the early settlements of Delaware County, where she died in 1881. He is at this time a resident of Delaware, having an interest in the Delaware Woolen Mill Company, with which he was formerly connected. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are living. The subject of this sketch was born in Delaware Co., Ohio, in 1840. He was raised on a farm and received his education in the schools of that county. In August, 1862, he enlisted as private in Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for the term of three years, and served in the fortunes of the Army of the Cumberland. On the battle field of Perryville, October 8, 1862, he was wounded in the left arm by a minie ball, but filled his place in the ranks until discharged by reason of disability at Franklin, Tenn., April 29, 1863, as Second Lieutenant. He re-enlisted May 2. 1864, as private in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged as Commissary Sergeant at Camp Chase, August 25, 1864, by reason of expired tenure of service. Mr. A. came to this county in 1865, and in the following year engaged in the mercantile business, which he followed until after his election to the office of County Clerk, in 1869. Three years afterward he was re-elected to the same position, and served two terms of three years each. During this time he engaged his spare moments to the study of law, and became so proficient that he was admitted to the bar at Columbus, by the Supreme Court, January 7, 1874. At the close of his public duties he again embarked in the mercantile trade, and occupied his present commodious store in January, 1882. He carries a large and complete stock of dry goods, and controls a fair and lucrative trade. Mr. A. was married in May, 1863, to Miss Alice M., daughter of David and Mary E. (Hempstead) Welsh. One daughter, Amelia H., born to bless this union, lived through the sunny summer of her youth, and just while life was sweetest, and the brightest flowers grew about her pathway, the reaper called her home. Her demise occurred August 25, 1882. D. D. Welsh was born in Muskingham County, Ohio, August 25, 1817. He settled as a farmer near this city in 1838, and was married September 29, 1839, to Miss Mary E. Hempstead; she was born in Utica, N. Y., in 1818, and with her parents, Nathan and Polly Hempstead, came to this county in 1838. In 1843, he moved to Jackson County, Mich., where he died the following year. He was a Captain of a company in the war of 1812, and raised a family of ten children, six of whom are still living. Mr. Welsh was one of the original stockholders of the Marysville Bank, and dealt largely in stock. He was left an orphan when six years of age, and was thrown upon his own resources. He made every movement available, and by perseverance and economy attained position and wealth. He was elected County Treasurer in 1861, and filled that position at the time of his death in 1863. He owned, at the time of his death, 700 acres of land in this county, and was a man beloved and respected by all who knew him.

JOHN BARKER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Marysville January 12, 1830. He is a son of John Barker, of Virginia, and Mary Hoyt Barker, a native of Pennsylvania. They were married in the Keystone State, and came to Marysville, where they resided a short time. Mr. Barker bought 100 acres of laad on the north side of Mill Creek, which he occupied a few years, then removed to the old Squire Amrine farm, and in 1835 located on the farm now owned and occupied by our subject. Mr. Barker died near Lewisburg, September 7, 1870, aged seventy-three; and Mrs. B. departed this life, October 28, 1853, in her fifty-seventh year. They had twelve children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the youngest. He was married October 29, 1857, to Harriet F. Turner, a daughter of Edmund Turner, by whom he has had two children—Edward H., born December 17, 1862; and Phebe A., born February 13, 1877. Mr. Barker has always occupied the homestead, which contains 153 acres; he also has twelve acres in Allen Township, and is engaged in farming and stock-raising. He is a member of the Masonic Order, and in politics is Democratic.

JOHN W. BARNES, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, June 19, 1838. His parents were Levi and Susan (Rodgers) Barnes; the former was born near Baltimore, Md., and the latter in Harrison County, Ohio. They removed to Guernsey County, Ohio, when our subject was but three years of age; Mr. Barnes died in 1846 and the following year John came with his brother, William Barnes, to this county and remained two years; in 1849 he returned near Cambridge and in 1850 came back to this county, where he has since resided, except while in his country's service. He entered the army in July, 1862, as a member of Company K, Ninety-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry; after serving a year in the Western Army, he was transferred to the Department of the Gulf. He fought through the siege of Vicksburg and at Jackson, Carrion Cross Bayou, Sabine Cross Roads, Forts Gaines, Morgan, Spanish and Blakeley, and a number of minor battles; he was discharged at Mobile, Ala., July 15, 1865, at the close of the rebellion. He returned home and resumed his former avocation, which he has since followed. He was married, November, 1855, to Mrs. Catharine Hale, a widow of Jonas Hale and a daughter of Athens Oliphant. Mrs. Barnes was born in Ross County, Ohio, November 30, 1833. They were blessed with six children, viz.: Lydia L., wife of J. A. Bump; Roland J., married Anna Beightler; Lorenzo D., married Sarah J. Spain; Samantha J., Aaron B. and Georgiana. Mrs. Barnes had two daughters by her first husband—Sarah, wife of William Epps, and Mary J., wife of Stephen Pyers. Mr. Barnes made his start in life by working by the month, and what he now owns is the fruits of his own labor. His farm contains ninety-five acres, and is under a good state of cultivation; he is by occupation a farmer and stock-raiser. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church; he is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, and in politics is a Republican.

GEORGE BEECHER. The subject of this sketch is a leading, influential citizen of Union County, was born near Utica, N. Y., April 18, 1827. His father, Zina Beecher, was born near New Haven, Conn., and was a first cousin to Lyman Beecher, the father of Henry Ward Beecher. His mother, Lucretia Sanford, was also born near New Haven. His parents were married in Connecticut, and moved to Herkimer County, N. Y., and in 1836 to Licking County, Ohio, where Mr. Beecher died September, 1868. Mrs. Beecher died February 4, 1880, at the ripe age of ninety-six years. She was a remarkably firm and intelligent lady, and retained her mental faculties up to the last. She was the mother of six sons and three daughters, of whom all the sons and one daughter are living—Lucretia (deceased); Beri, who resides in Granville, Ohio; Almelia deceased; Lyman, who occupies the homestead in Licking County; Edwin, of Fairfield, Ill.; Mary, wife of Carter Wilcox; George, the subject of this sketch; Charles, of Cincinnati, attorney for the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad, and Walter, the youngest, resides in Mill Creek Township, this county. Mr. Beecher, our subject, was reared to manhood on his father's farm. For four years after he was of age, he worked for a salary of $100 per year. April 17, 1852, he came to Union County, and located on 185 acres of land in Mill Creek Township, which was in nature's original state. He cleared this farm, and continued to make additions till he now owns a body of land containing 509 acres, all of which he acquired by his untiring industry and successful business management. In the fall of 1877, he purchased forty acres adjoining the corporation of Marysville on the east, and erected on it a commodious frame residence. Mr. Beecher is engaged extensively in rearing fine sheep, and is ranked as one of the leading sheep-raisers of the county. For the last two years he has bought and shipped draft horses to Mansfield, doing a large and successful trade. He is a man of much force of character, and in the pursuits of life has been eminently successful. His marriage was celebrated January 16, 1852, with Miss Rosanna Rogers, a daughter of M. W. and Mary Rogers, formerly of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Beecher is a native of Licking County, was born July 5, 1828. Three children are the fruits of this union—Alice A., wife of Marion Taylor, Clara and Mary L.

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SAMUEL BEIGHLER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, eldest son of Tobias and Sarah Beighler), was born in Paris Township December 10, 1828. He was reared and brought up on his father's farm, and was educated in the common schools. He was married April 12, 1849, to Miss Ann J. Fawcett, a daughter of Jesse and Philadelphia Fawcett. They have six sons living —Asbury H., an attorney at law in Marysville; Warren, Jasper, John, Elwood and Tobias. Mr. Beighler purchased and located on his present farm in the spring of 1858. He cleared his farm from the "stump," and has well improved it. Mr. B. and wife are members of the United Brethren Church. Politically he is a Republican. He owns a farm of ninety acres, and is engaged in agriculture.

A. H. BEIGHTLER, attorney, Marysville. The Beightler family whose record may be found in this volume, comprises one of the most extensive connections of the pioneer settlers. The subject of this sketch is a son of Samuel and Ann J. (Fawcett) Beightler, and was born in Paris Township, Union County, in 1852. He was raised on a farm and received his primary education in the high schools of this city, where he began the study of law in the office of R. L. Woodburn, in 1874. He was admitted to the bar April 20th, 1877, and the same year began the practice of his profession in Marysville, where he has since been constantly and actively engaged. He has served the township as clerk, and since his admission to the bar has filled the office of secretary of the Agricultural Society. He is a member of the Lodge and Chapter F. & A. M. at Marysville, and of the Commandry at Urbana, and connected with the Presbyterian Church of this town. Politically Mr. B. is a stanch Republican. He was united in marriage to Miss Laura C., daughter of G. T. Dorland, of Cincinnati, in 1880. Two children, Alice and Gordon R., are the issue of this union.

IRA BELVILLE, farmer, P. O. Marysville, son of Nicholas and Anna Belville, was born in Paris Township April 18, 1839. He passed his early life on his father's farm and received a common schooling. August 19, 1861, he married Caroline Smith, a daughter of Andrew and Jane Smith. She departed this life August 4, 1864, and August 4, 1867, Mr. Belville was again married, this time to Mrs. Rachel Draper, widow of Nelson Draper (deceased), and daughter of Adam Shirk. Three children were the fruits of this union: Anna L., Mary R. and Ada May. Mrs. Belville died June 15, 1878. She had two children by her former husband; of these one (Biance), is living. Hannah is deceased. In 1867, Mr. Belville took up his residence on his present farm. He is engaged in the pursuits of farming and rearing stock. His farm is located in Taylor and Liberty Townships and contains 84 acres. He has been prominently connected with the Grange, and in politics is Democratic.

ROBERT BELT, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born near Newark, Ohio, June 15, 1822. His parents, Benjamin and Rachel Crouch, were natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania respectively. They had nine children, of whom four are living: Letha A. (wife of Samuel Park), Ella (wife of Asa Park), Robert and Wesley. Robert was reared on the homestead in Licking County and occupied it till 1846. In April, 1864, he came to Union County and bought 146 acres, his present farm. He was married in 1844 to Mary Park, a daughter of John and Margaret Park. She bore him ten children of whom five are living, viz.: Gilbert, George, Frank, Lucy and Ella. Alvin died October 22, 1846, Benjamin died October 21, 1864, Henry, December 1, 1864, and Isabell December 14, 1864. Mrs. Belt departed this life January 5, 1865, of typhoid fever. The three children, Benjamin, Henry and Isabell, who preceded her but a few days, died from the same fever. Mr. Belt was again married, January 29, 1866, to Mrs. Mary C. Wells, widow of Joseph Wells, and daughter of Ezekiel and Sarah Cunningham. Mrs. Belt was born in Licking County September 2, 1832. She had two children by her first husband; one (Sarah E.) is living, now wife of Henry N. Amrine. Mr. Belt has cleared and well improved his farm which was covered with woods when he located on it in 1864. He has been a successful farmer; of late years he has devoted especial attention to rearing fine sheep. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church of Marysville. He is associated with the Masonic fraternity, and in politics is a supporter of Republican principles and doctrines. He owns a farm of 148 acres, with good improvements, located near Marysville.

TOBIAS BIGLER (or Beighler), was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1805. He is a son of George and Elizabeth (Lookenbill) Beighler, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The original name was spelled Beighler, but was subsequently changed to Bigler and since to Beightler. The name is of German origin, the grandfather of our subject having emigrated from Germany to the United States prior to the American Revolution. Tobias, the subject of this sketch, is the second son and fifth child of a family of eight children, of whom two are living, viz.: George, Elizabeth, Solomon, Rebecca, Sophia, Tobias, Sallie and Enoch. When our subject was four years of age, his parents removed to Licking County, Ohio, and the following year to Fairfield County, where he spent his boyhood and early manhood. He worked by the month at the small salary of $7 till he came to this county in the latter part of 1825. He "squatted" on land owned by James Dines for a short time then purchased one hundred acres of woodland for which he paid $450. He cleared the site for his house. His dwelling place for several years was in the solitude of nature's wild dominion which was the habitation of the deer, wolf and bear. Mr. Bigler began the work of clearing and improving his farm and making additions to his original purchase till his farm now contains 225 acres; of this 215 acres are well-improved and under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Bigler was married January, 1827, to Miss Sarah Amrine, a daughter of John and Ornzie Amrine, and a native of Pennsylvania. Twelve children were the fruits of this union; of these eight are living, viz.: Samuel, Mary A., Andrew, John, Eliza, Daniel, Harrison and James M.; Abraham, Lewis, Solomon and George are deceased. Mrs. Bigler died March 25, 1862, and June 5, 1862, Mr. B. celebrated his second marriage with Nancy Burrows, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary A. Burrows. Of two children by this marriage one (Wilson H.) is living. Nancy is deceased. Mr. Bigler is one of the sturdy old pioneers of Union County; he located within its limits when an almost unbroken forest, with no capital save his energy, which he diligently displayed in hewing down the monarchs of the forests and clearing up his farm. The broad acres with all their wealth of soil and improvements are the fruits of his years of arduous toil and industry. He is now bordering on the seventy-eighth year of his age, but is in possession of strong mental powers and a good physical condition.

HAMILTON BLUE, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Ross County, Ohio, May 24, 1819. He is a son of William and Margaret (Hamilton) Blue, natives of Old Virginia. Mr. Blue was born December 12, 1796, and Mrs. Blue, January 4, 1798. Mr. Blue's parents, John M. and Catharine Blue, removed to Ross County in 1808; his wife's parents, Alexander and Mary Hamilton, settled there about the same time. Mr. and Mrs. Blue were married May 28, 1818, and had four sons—Hamilton, Josiah, David and William. They removed to Union County in 1832, and located in Paris Township, where Mr. Blue died, May 12, 1879. His widow lives with Josiah, the second son. Hamilton was reared to manhood on a farm, and was educated in the common schools. October 20, 1839, he united in marriage with Susan Orahood, a daughter of Samuel and Polly Orahood, and a native of Hardy County, Va. She was born February 29, 1816. Her death occurred June 20, 1873, leaving one son and five daughters—Alexander, Melissa (wife of Joseph Snider), Mary E. (wife of Charles Amrine), Margaret (wife of Peter Heckel), Susan (wife of Jacob Reed) and Clarinda. Mr. Blue married the second time, October 29, 1875, to Mrs. Mary Martin, widow of Benjamin Martin and daughter of John and Euthania Thompson. Mrs. Blue was born in Virginia, October 29, 1817. She had nine children by Mr. Martin—Caroline (wife of John Johnson), Riley, Charles C., Mattie (wife of Alexander Blue) are living. Mr. Blue settled on his present farm in 1851, and has since occupied it, engaged in farming and rearing stock. His farm contains 125 acres, and was all in woods when he located on it. He has cleared it up and aided in making many of the improvements of his neighborhood. He and wife are connected with the Christian Church. He is associated with the Masonic fraternity and in politics with the Democracy.

JOSIAH BLUE, farmer, second son of William and Margaret Blue, was born in Ross County, Ohio, October 24, 1822. When ten years of age, his parents removed to Union County, and young Blue spent the rest of his early life on his father's farm, in the northern part of Paris Township. He married, September 10, 1846, to Malinda Orahood, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Orahood. Mrs. Blue was born in Union County, and died in February, 1848, and left one son and one daughter—Lewis F. and Nancy. Mr. Blue's second marriage occurred in 1851, with Mrs. Susanna Orahood, daughter of Levi and Susan Wells, and widow of Joseph Orahood. Of six children by this union, four are living—Sarah (wife of Silas G. Gray), Lucy, Dorcas, Della, William and David. In 1851, Mr. Blue bought fifty-one acres of his present farm, and made additions till he now owns 171 acres, most of which he cleared and improved from the "stump." He is connected with the Masonic order and Democratic party and is a successful farmer.

R. S. BONNETTE, Superintendent of the County Infirmary, was born in Ohio County, Va., February 10, 1834. He is a son of John and Ann M. Bonnette, who came to Union County in 1840 and located in Leesburg Township, where our subject was reared to manhood. September, 1862, he volunteered in Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the following principal battles: Perryville, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Kenesaw Mountain, and a number of minor battles. He accompanied Gen. Sherman on his march to the sea, and participated in all the engagements of note. In the spring of 1864, he was commissioned Sergeant, and served in that capacity until discharged. He returned home and farmed till 1868, and engaged in the grain trade in Dover, which he carried on till 1873. He returned to his farm, and was engaged in its pursuits till March, 1882, when he was appointed to his present charge. He has managed the institution successfully and creditably. He was married, October 9, 1856, to Hester A. S. Brown, a native of Union County, born March 16, 1837, and a daughter of S. P. G. and Sarah Brown. They have three children—Elbert W. (married Glennie Dodge), Linnie E. and Nelson I. Mr. and Mrs. Bonnette are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Bonnette is identified with the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R., and in politics is a Republican. He served as Trustee of Leesburg Township two years. His farm in Leesburg contains 118 acres of well improved land.

JOHN K. BORGER, was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 3, 1841, and in 1843 was brought to America by his parents, William and Elizabeth B. Borger. They settled in Columbus, and in 1858 removed to Darby Township, and in 1861 to Union Township, where Mrs. B. departed this life September 11, 1870. John is the youngest of five children. When fifteen years of age he took up the trade of bricklaying, with George A. Fox, of Marysville, and followed it three years, since which time he has pursued the avocation of farming and keeping stock. October 18, 1866, he was joined in marriage to Miss Maggie Magerlein, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to this country with her parents, Leonard and Eve Magerlein, when only a child. She bore seven children, of whom six are living, viz.: John F., John L., Mary A., Lena L., John W. and George E. Charlie C. is deceased. Mr. Borger died August 20, 1882. Mr. B. was the possessor of 175 acres of rich land, fifty-two acres of which are situated in Paris Township. It is adorned with a substantial brick residence and other good improvements. Mr. Borger was a good, law-abiding citizen. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and a Democrat.

JOHN BRAUN, tailor, Marysville, is a native of Germany, where he was born in 1842. He crossed the waters to the land of the free in 1861, and located at Columbus, Ohio, where he worked at his trade until 1874, at which time he came to this city and engaged at his avocation with Otte Brothers. Here he has bent his energies to his task with scarcely one day of relief or relaxation. He was, however, possessed of the true German element, and by strict economy and indomitable energy has made fine possessions. He erected a brick block of buildings in East Center street at a cost of $7,000, which is a fine addition to the street. Mr. Braun was married in 1865 to Miss Coney, daughter of Stephen Childers, a native of this county. Five children born to this union are all living, viz.: Clara, John, Harvey, Adam and Georgia.

JOHN M. BRODRICK, attorney, Marysville. John M. Brodrick, prosecuting attorney, is a native of Allen Township, Union County, where he was born May 19, 1854. His parents, Isaac, Jr., and Sarah P. (Hoff) Brodrick, with their respected and venerable ancestors, were among the pilgrims and founders of Allen Township, who built their cabins in the forest, and scattering the seed of that better intelligence, which, growing year by year, has transformed the dense forest into well cultivated fields and waving grain. A history of their settlement appears in another portion of this work. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm, and learned to labor with his hands. He received his primary education in the district schools, and academy at Lewisburg. He began teaching school when eighteen years of age, and two years afterward began the study of law in the office of Porter & Sterling, of this city. He was admitted to the bar September 5, 1875, and began the practice of his profession in this city November 1, 1876. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney in November, 1881, and fills that position at this time. He has also served two terms as Corporation Clerk, and has, by close application and attention to business, cultivated and sustained a large and well merited practice. He is a loyal Republican, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and past officer in the I. O. O. F. Mr. B. was married April 16, 1878, to Miss N. M. G., a daughter of B. T. Benton, and a native of Delaware, Ohio. One child, William F., is the issue of this union.

AARON BROWN, farmer, P. O. Marysville, a native of Fayette County, Pa., was born March 2, 1813. His parents, Vincent and Amelia (Wilson) Brown, came from Pennsylvania to Union County in 1830 and settled in Darby Township, where Mr. Brown died in 1847 and Mrs. B. in 1852. Aaron is the sixth of nine children. He was reared to manhood a farmer boy. April 15, 1848, he united himself in marriage with Elizabeth Brown, a daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth Brown, and a native of Pennsylvania, where she was born November 11, 1826. Of seven children by this marriage only two are living: Amelia, and Harriet, wife of David H. Smith. Mr. Brown resided in Darby Township till 1866, when he removed to the farm he now occupies. He owns 128 acres of land, and is by occupation a farmer.

THOMAS BROWN, Ex-Judge of the Probate Court, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, March 25, 1819. In 1824, his parents Allen and Margaret M. Brown, came across the waters and settled in Clermont County, Ohio, where they resided two years, in 1827 removing to Campbell County, Ky., and in 1829 to Highland County, Ohio, where they were among the earliest pioneers. Mr. Brown bought a farm and kept a country tavern on the Cincinnati & Chillicothe Stage Road, fifteen miles west of Hillsboro. He entertained the "pioneer travlers" for twenty years, and died January 10, 1860. His widow followed him in September, 1876. They were the parents of six children, of whom our subject is the second. He was reared on a farm till fifteen, when he began and served an apprenticeship of four years and a half at tanning at Point Pleasant, Ohio, the birth place of Gen. Grant. At the expiration of this time he entered upon a course in Miami University, of Oxford, Ohio, and remained a student three and a half years, when, on account of ill health, he retired and taught school three years. In 1844, he engaged in the mercantile trade in Highland, and in 1846 removed to Marysville, where he continued in merchandising till 1851, where he was elected Probate Judge. In 1860, he was appointed to the same position to fill a vacancy While Probate Judge he read law and was admitted to the bar in 1854. After practicing law two years, he again engaged in mercantile pursuits, retiring in 1870. The following year he embarked in the insurance business, and now represents the following companies, viz.: Hartford, Continental, North British and Mercantile, Lancashire Sun, Ohio, Dayton, Niagara and Michigan Mutual. Judge Brown was twice Mayor of Marysville and two terms Infirmary Director. He was first married April 4, 1848, to Miss Mary E. Root, who died September 12, 1873, leaving four children; William M., Matilda R., wife of W. M. Liggett, Margaret E., wife of W. F. Gallaher, and Harry E. His second marriage occurred November 4, 1875, to Miss Sarah A. Carpenter, daughter of James Carpenter, of Delaware County. Judge Brown and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

B. V. BUFFINGTON, physician, Marysville. Dr. Buffington has attained considerable prominence as practitioner of this city and has won a merited reputation. He was born near Harpers Ferry, Va., in 1838. In infancy, his parents, Samuel and Nancy A. (Wheatley) Buffington, moved and settled in Pleasant Township, Clark Co., Ohio, being among the pioneers of that township. Subsequently they selected a home at Milford Center, Union County, where they yet reside. Here the subject of this sketch was brought up and received his common school education. At the age of twenty-two years, he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Leonard, of Urbana, and after four years of constant application and service, began the practice of his profession. He passed graduation at the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati in 1873, and as a student of that school has built up a large practice. Dr. B. became a resident physician of Marysville in 1868, and has firmly established himself as a successful doctor and esteemed citizen. He was married in New Carlisle, Clark Co., Ohio, in 1874, to Miss J. H. Johnson, a native of that county. Three children were born to this issue, two of whom are living, viz.: Edna B. and Opal A. Dr. B. is associated with the I. O. O. F. society.

JOHN Q. BURGNER, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, was born in Delaware County Ohio, October 21, 1853; his parents were William Burgner and Mary A. Kile, his wife, the former of German and the latter of Scotch descent. William Burgner was born in Pennsylvania, in 1826, and when two years of age came to Ohio with his parents, settling in Fairfield County. In 1850, he removed to Delaware County, and in 1872 came to Richwood, this county, where he now resides. His wife died in 1856. The subject of this sketch was raised principally on a farm and acquired his education in his native county. In 1872, he removed with his father to Richwood, and in the autumn of 1875, engaged with him in the mercantile trade under the firm name of William Burgner & Son. In October, 1881, he was elected Clerk of the Courts on the Republican ticket, and assumed the duties of his office in February, 1882. Mr. Burgner is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Marysville, and is identified with the Masonic fraternity and Knights of Pythias.

AMOS BURRIS, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born on the Whitewater River, in Indiana, September 4, 1825. When three years of age, his parents, Jeremiah and Mary (Billater) Burris, removed to Adams County, and in 1841, to Union County. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died near Marysville December 25, 1863, aged seventy-two years. Amos, the subject of this sketch, was reared to manhood on the farm. May 15, 1844, he was joined in marriage with Miss Polly A., daughter of Moses and Elizabeth Amrine, by whom he has had six children, viz.: Randolph F., William M., Martha, wife of Alonzo Reed, Josephine, Mahlon and Edgar. Mr. and Mrs. B. are connected with the United Brethren Church. He owns a farm of forty-six acres and is engaged in tilling the soil.

J. L. CAMERON, attorney, Marysville, is a native of Union City, and was born in Jackson Township May 22, 1844. His parents, Joseph and Sarah (Reed) Cameron, were natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively. They founded a home in Jackson Township, in 1827, and were among its earliest and most respected pioneers. He was a successful farmer and resided on the homestead to the close of his life, in 1873. His devoted companion, who survives, is in the seventy-third year of her age. They were the parents of eight children, seven of whom are living. The subject of this sketch was reared on the homestead, where he was diligently engaged until the 7th day of October, 1863, when he joined the forces of the Union Army, in Company C, Twelfth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and was discharged as Corporal, at Chattanooga, Tenn., August 31, 1865. He participated in the battles of Cynthiana, Ky., Laurel Gap, Va., Mount Sterling, Ky., June 9, 1864; Wytheville, Va., December 16, 1864; Saltville, Va., December 20, 1864; Marion, December 22, 1864; and on the memorable Stoneman raid, in February, 1865. Returning to peaceful pursuits, he began the study of law under the preceptorship of Hon. J. W. Robinson, of this city. He was a pupil apt to learn, diligent and persevering in application to his studies, and became thoroughly versed in the arts of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1867, and soon after began the practice of his chosen profession in Marysville, where he has since been successfully engaged. It is but justice to say of Lawyer Cameron, that he was without the aid of advantageous circumstances, but has risen from the humble walks of life, to be classed among the leading attorneys at the bar of Union County. He was married, in 1872, to Miss Emma, daughter of William Toomire, of Champaign County, Ohio. Two children born to this issue—Mabel and Richard, are both living. Mr. C. is a member of the Masonic fraternity and a veteran in the ranks of the G. A. R.

B. F. CARMEAN, dry goods, Marysville. This house established business in this city April 1, 1880, under the firm name of B. F. Carmean & Co. The copartnership dissolved the following year, and B. F. Carmean, succeeding the company, became sole proprietor. He carries a stock of about $20,000, and has a large and increasing trade. Mr. C. is a native of Ohio, born in Van Wert County, in 1854. His parents, Smith and Sarah A. Carmean, were natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania, respectively. His father died in 1855, and in 1857, his mother moved to Auglaize County, where the subject of this sketch lived a "farmer boy" until eighteen years of age, and since then has been engaged in selling dry goods. Prior to Mr. Carmean's locating in this city, he lived in Washington C. H., Ohio, where, in 1879, he was married to Miss Millie J. McElwain, a native of Fayette County.

JOHN CASSIL, deceased. Judge John Cassil was a son of Alex and Mary (Gray) Cassil, natives of Pennsylvania and Scotland respectively, and was born in Washington County, Penn., February 19, 1803. His father moved to Jefferson County, Ohio, when he (John) was quite young. Subsequently he settled in Greene County, where both his parents died. The subject of this sketch was married in Jefferson County, Ohio, April 7, 1825, to Miss Drusilla Gladden, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Munn) Gladden, and a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, where she was born June 12, 1806. After marriage he became engaged in the woolen mills at Steubenville, Jefferson County, and in 1833, he removed to this county and purchased the land now known as the Mason Gill farm, upon which he settled. After ten years of farming, he took up his residence in Marysville, and for some years edited the Marysville *Argus* (now the *Tribune*). In 1842, he was elected Clerk of Courts, afterward served the county as Auditor, and was Associate Judge some years. At the breaking out of the rebellion he recruited Company F, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as First Lieutenant, and resigned as Captain, June 21, 1862. He was wounded at Fort Republic, and though the wound was not serious, he did not recover from the effects of it for some months. He returned to his home in 1863. At the time of his death he was Justice of the Peace and Mayor of this city; in early life he associated with the Christian Church, and was a man widely known and highly esteemed. His demise occurred at the residence of his son in Jasper County, Mo., June 15, 1869. He was the father of thirteen children—Gustavus A., a resident of New Mexico; Hannah, widow of James Kinkade of this city; Mary G., deceased; Samuel, deceased; Joseph G., a printer at Woodfield, Monroe Co., Ohio; Alexander G., who enlisted in the Nineteenth Ohio Battery, and afterward raised a company of colored troops (artillery) in Tennessee, and died at the Soldier's Home, Dayton, Ohio, December 19, 1882; Mary J., wife of Hon. J. W. Robinson; Reuben, a resident of Fort Bend County, Texas; Edward, deceased; James M., a resident of Fort Bend County, Texas; Martha E., at home; David G., deceased, and Drusilla, deceased.

A. S. CHAPMAN. The parents of the gentleman whose name heads this notice were Roswell Riggs Chapman, born in Blandford, Mass., September 21, 1793, and Phœbe Stansbery, born in Scotch Plains, N. J., March 1, 1798. In 1803, the Chapman family came to Ohio with the Scioto Company, and located at Worthington, Franklin County. This company was composed of members of the Episcopal Church, and was intended to establish an Episcopal settlement under the leadership of Col. James Kilbourn, who was its first minister. The Chapmans, who were Presbyterians in their religious belief, took the place in the colony of a family which failed to emigrate, and settled on the west side of the Olentangy River, about three miles above Worthington. The oldest son, Roswell Riggs Chapman, enlisted in Capt. Levi Pinney's Company in the war of 1812, served as a musician, becoming fife major of his regiment, and was taken prisoner by the British at Detroit upon the surrender of that post by Gen. Hull. After his return, he engaged as clerk for the Scioto Company in their store, subsequently forming a partnership in the dry goods, grocery and general produce business with his uncle, Dr. Daniel Upson. In the spring of 1816, he was married to Phœbe Stansbery. His health failed in 1826, and in 1827, being threatened with consumption, he went South, thinking to derive benefit from the change. The disease, however, had too strong a hold upon him, and he died on a steamer on the 13th of December, 1827, and was buried at Natchez, Miss. His wife, Phœbe Stansbery, was the only child of Judge Recompense Stansbery, who emigrated to Worthington, Ohio, in 1810, coming through Pennsylvania, down the Ohio River on a flat-boat and up the Muskingum as far as Zanesville, thence by wagon to Granville, in what is now Licking County, Ohio, and across the country to Worthington. Between the latter points there was then no road, and he was compelled to clear his way with an ax. Mr. Stansbery occupied a prominent position in the new settlement. In 1814, he was appointed Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; was Justice of the Peace, and in that capacity married many of the early settlers, among them Orange Johnson and wife, pioneers of Columbus. He was for twenty-five years Postmaster at Worthington; was a large landholder and stock owner, having at one time 1200 sheep, when the region was yet thickly infested with wolves. He died in 1843. Albert Stansbery Chapman was born in Worthington, Franklin Co., Ohio, April 26, 1823, and passed his early years in acquiring an education. At the age of twelve, he began attending school at Blendon, under the instruction of Rev. Ebenezer Washburn, remaining two years, and next became a pupil of the Worthington school, taught by Rev. R. K. Nash. At the age of eighteen years, he began reading medicine and teaching school during the winters. In 1843, he entered as clerk the dry goods establishment of his uncle, Ira Reynolds, at West Liberty, Logan Co., Ohio, where he remained until 1845, going thence to Richland, in the same county, where he established a store of his own. In 1846, he removed to the village of Newton, in Liberty Township, Union Co., Ohio, engaging in mercantile business, and remaining until the fall of 1847, when he returned to Richland and entered into partnership with his brother in merchandising and the manufacture of saleratus and boots and shoes. In 1854, he again came to Union County, settling at Marysville, and embarking in the dry goods business in company with his brother and Isaac Channell. In the fall of 1855, owing to the failure of his health—consumption threatening him—he closed out his business, purchased the old homestead at Worthington, and moved upon it, having lived there during his youth with his grandfather, Judge Stansbery. Being compelled from the state of his health to seek out-of-door employment, Mr. Chapman acquired a taste for farming, and in 1862, purchased the farm in Jerome Township, Union County, now owned by John Curry, containing about 182 acres. In the spring of 1870, he located a second time at Marysville, entering into partnership with his son in the agricultural implement business, under the firm name of C. S. Chapman & Co. In 1874, he and others organized the People's Bank, at Marysville, and in 1875, he formed a partnership with John S. Fleck, under the firm name of Fleck & Chapman, for the purpose of manufacturing doors, sash and blinds, and dealing in lumber. The business of this firm has increased from $7,000 in 1875, to $60,000 in 1882, over two million feet of lumber, and fifty cars of shingles, and both handled in a year. When he came here, in 1874, he subscribed stock to a company formed for the purpose of manufacturing tubs, spokes, feather strips, etc., and became its superintendent and treasurer. He disposed of his stock when he became a partner in his present business with Mr. Fleck, in 1875. Mr. Chapman is still interested in agriculture, and in company with his son owns 385 acres of land in Jerome Township. When twenty-two years of age, Mr. Chapman married Miss Eveline M. Couch, of Springfield, Ohio, and to them have been born three children, of whom Charles Stansbery Chapman, present cashier of the People's Bank at Marysville, is the oldest, and the only survivor; Frank, the second child, died at the age of five years; Minnie, the youngest, was married in 1871, to A. J. Reicherts, of Delaware, Ohio, and died in 1872, leaving one child, who is living with her grandfather Chapman. Mr. Chapman, being left at the early age of four years without the example and counsel of a father, found that he must place dependence on himself in the great battle of life, and consequently determined to devote himself to study and become master of any business in which he should choose to engage. During his whole life it has been his aim to deal fairly and in good faith in his business transactions, and his word being once given has ever been strictly kept. Being of a careful and cautious nature, he has never engaged in wild or visionary speculations, but preferred the natural growth and legitimate profits of regular business. By strict attendance to business matters, with industry and economy he has accumulated not great wealth, but a sufficient competence. Charles Stansbery Chapman, oldest son and only surviving child of A. S. and Eveline (Couch) Chapman, was born in Union County, Ohio, November 15, 1846; was educated in the schools of Worthington, Franklin Co., Ohio, and in 1870, came to Marysville, and engaged in business with his father. He has also been a member of the stock company which operates the People's Bank since its organization, and has held the position of cashier fron the beginning of the bank's existence. This position he fills admirably, and his genial and gentlemanly qualities insure for him popularity and the respect of patrons and citizens generally. He is a joint owner with his father in a large farm in Jerome Township, the two engaging extensively in stock-raising. Mr. Chapman's energies are always alive to public improvement and business advancement—traits which he inherits from his father. In 1870, he married Anna T., daughter of James Kinkade (now deceased), of Marysville, and two children—Frank T. and Max, have blessed this union.

F. J. CHERRINGTON, photographer, Marysville. This social gentleman is a germ of the Buckeye State, and was born near Gallipolis, Ohio, in 1845, his parents, Jefferson and Mary (Hank) Cherrington, being distinguished among the early and respected pioneers of Galila County. His father was a farmer and resided in that county until his death. He was in early life a teacher of schools and music, and a life-long member of the M. E. Church. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm and learned to labor with his hands. Attaining age and having a natural taste for photographing, he learned the trade and established himself in business at Logan, Hocking County, Ohio. Four years afterward he came to this city and opened the gallery on Main street, and opposition of no merit being offered in the Main street studio, he purchased the concern, since which time he has had control of the trade in the city and county surrounding. He is a thorough student of his profession, and produces the most approved styles of photography. Mr. C. during the rebellion gave his service to the one hundred day call in the One Hundred and Forty-first O. V. I. He was married in 1874 to Miss Hattie, a daughter of George Strong, of Logan, Ohio. Two children born to this union are both living, viz.: George N. and Winnie M.

D. S. CLEMENT, retired, P. O. Marysville. David S. Clement, one of Union County's prominent pioneers, was born in Madison County, Ohio, July 15, 1831. He came to this county when a youth with his parents, where he acquired his education, and locating in the southwestern part of the county, engaged in the mercantile trade. Here he built up a large business and named the place Irwin, which name it yet retains, and has become a populous village. He secured the first post office, and was virtually the founder of Irwin. He served as Postmaster for ten consecutive years, and for a long period was Justice of the Peace. In 1865, he joined a colony and emigrated to Hannibal, Mo., and four years later returned and settled in Marysville, where he has since made his home. He subsequently engaged in the greenhouse business until 1882, when he retired from the active duties of life, to the comforts of his home and family. His companion in marriage, whose maiden name was Lydia A. Miller, is a daughter of James Culver Miller, and his mother (Zelinda) was a descendant of the celebrated Burnham family, which is found in the early records of Massachusetts and Connecticut. The coat-of-arms to the name was granted on the 25th of October, A. D. 1517, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, to Sir

William Burnham, of the West of England. The records go to show that the Burnham family sprung from three brothers who landed at Cape Ann about the seventeenth century. Two of the brothers (John and Thomas), settled in Ipswich, Massachusetts, and Joshua at a place called Black Point in New Hampshire or Maine. The present representatives of the family come of the fifth generation, of which Ebenezer is the head. He with his sons (John and Josiah) were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. Hiram G. Miller, great grandson of Ebenezer, was born June 23, 1828, and is a resident of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Clement are the parents of one child—Estella (wife of Henry Burnett, of this city).

HON. J. B. COATS, Probate Judge, Marysville. John B. Coats was born in Guilford, Windham Co., State of Vermont, on the 5th day of September, A. D. 1821, in which State, with the exception of about two years' residence in the State of Massachusetts, he continued to reside until a few weeks prior to reaching majority. He was principally engaged in farm labor during this time, leaving home to engage in the battle of life, on his own account, when a little over thirteen years of age. He received such education as the common schools afforded at that time, and after leaving home made it a point to attend school during the three winter months, until arriving at majority. In 1842, he bid adieu to his native hills and started for Ohio, selecting it as, in his judgment, the best of the then Western States, arriving at Xenia in September of the aforesaid year. After attending school at the latter place for a few months, to add to his then limited store of knowledge, and familiarize himself with the customs of the country, he commenced teaching near Jamestown, Greene Co., Ohio. He continued teaching and laboring on a farm up to the year 1848, during which time he had read law with John H. Watson, of Xenia, at which place he was admitted to the bar, on the 17th day of June, A. D 1847. In 1848, his health having become so impaired as to incapacitate him for entering upon the practice of his profession, he returned to his native State to recuperate, where he remained for about a year and a half, engaged in teaching and various pursuits a portion of the time. His health being restored, he returned to Ohio and located in Marysville, in December, 1849, entering into partnership in the practice of law with P. B. Cole, Esq., which partnership continued for about two years. Soon after coming to Marysville, he engaged in editorial labors, at intervals, as assistant editor of the Marysville *Tribune*, then under the control of the late Hon. C. S. Hamilton; being a pronounced Whig in politics, he labored in various ways to insure the success of that party till it ceased to exist, when he became a Republican. In November, 1853, he purchased the *Tribune* of Mr. Hamilton, assumed the editorial control of the same and continued to act in that capacity for one year, when he sold out. During his brief editorial career, he still continued in the practice of the law, in partnership with John L. Porter, under the firm name of Coats & Porter. This was continued with an interruption of a few years up to 1862, when Mr. Porter went into the army. In 1858, he began acting as assistant editor of the *Union Press* and so continued until 1859; and in 1861 he assumed the editorship of the same paper, and in this capacity acted until the paper changed hands, some time in 1863. While engaged editorially, he labored with zeal to promote the success of the Republican party, and was a delegate in the convention of July 13th, 1854, at Columbus, which practically formed that party, and to which he has adhered during the years of its existence. The first office he was called to fill was that of Justice of the Peace, to which he was elected in 1851, serving three years, and again elected to the same office in 1857. In 1859, he was elected to the office of Prosecuting Attorney of the county, a position that he held for three successive terms, when he retired. At the October election, in 1869, he was elected to the office of Probate Judge, which office, by successive elections, he now holds, having entered on his fifth term. At the April election, in 1873, he was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, to which position he had been nominated by a Republican convention, held in March of that year. It is but justice to Judge Coats to say that he did not seek this, and during the canvass, prior to his nomination, spoke against the use of his name, believing it not in the fitness of things that he, while holding one office, should seek, or be elected to, another; but on receiving the nomination, he deemed it but justice to his friends who had placed him in nomination, that he should accept, and leave the matter in the hands of the people, to whose decision in the premises, he felt willing to submit with cheerfulness. He had numerous competitors for the nomination, which, as he had foreseen, caused some bitterness of feeling, and his competitor at the polls being an independent candidate, made the contest a very lively one, out of which he came with a majority of thirteen, in a very light vote. On April 20, 1854, Judge Coats married Catharine P. Vastine, of Delaware County Ohio, daughter of John and Catharine (Hetrick) Vastine, who removed to Iowa in 1854, and remained until their deaths. By this marriage three children have been born, to wit: John Wilber (who died in 1872 in his eighteenth year), Frances D., born October 19, 1856, and Charles N., born June 8, 1861.

JOHN CODER, grocer, Marysville. The parents of John Coder were among the earliest pilgrims of Ross County, Ohio, and all classified with the pioneers of York Township, Union County, where they settled in 1835. Simon, his father, was a native of Pennsylvania, and his mother, whose name was Jane Gault, was a Virginian. He was a blacksmith by trade, but cleared a farm in York and Taylor Townships. He is a resident of York Township at this time, and is in the ninety-second year of his age. His estimable wife died in May, 1848. They were parents of eight children, five of whom are living. The subject of this sketch was born in Ross County October 31, 1827. He was raised on a farm, and learned the trade of his father, at which he worked, when he came to this city in 1856. He first opened a shop on Main street, and for twenty-six years applied himself diligently to his profession. In the spring of 1882, he opened to the public a choice stock of groceries in his present location, and enjoys the good will and trade of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Coder was married in December, 1847, to Miss Catherine Staley, a native of Greene County, Ohio. This union has been blessed with four children, three of whom are living, viz.: Jennie, William F. and Charles O. Mr. Coder numbers among the oldest resident business men of the city. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Order of Red Men and Methodist Episcopal Church.

DANIEL COE, deceased, was born in Washington County, Penn., March 3, 1801. When eleven years of age, his parents died, and he was brought to live with his brother in the West, the family living in Jefferson County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. Here he met and married Miss Mary Gladden, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Munn) Gladden, who were pioneers of Jefferson County in 1795, where she (Mary) was born on January 18, 1804 This couple pioneered their march of settlement to Union County in 1834, and founded a home on the banks of the Big Darby, where Mr. Coe passed the remainder of his days. His death is recorded January 17, 1851. He was a farmer and was highly esteemed. He was the father of twelve children, five of whom are living, viz.: Philip, Joseph, a resident of Massachusetts, entered the ranks of the Union army in 1861, in Company D, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private, and served through the battles in which that regiment engaged, and was promoted to First Lieutenant; Sarah, wife of J. W. Robinson; Lizzie, who was married in February, 1855, to Dr. Swayne, a celebrated physician of this county, by whom she had four children—Isabella, Mary, deceased; Martha and John. Dr. Swayne died in 1863, and in September, 1867, she married L. H. Smith, now a resident of Kansas, by which she has one child, Jennie; and Mary, wife R. Henderson, of Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Coe moved to and occupied her residence at Marysville in 1854, and is now surrounded by the younger generation. She has thirty-seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is in the enjoyment of good health and is now in the seventy-ninth year of her age. Daniel and Mary Coe were life-long members of the Presbyterian Church and among the oldest and most respected citizens.

EDWARD EVERETT COLE, attorney, Marysville, was born in Marysville, Ohio, March 17, 1853. He taught school in Milford Centre one term in the winter of 1870–71, and entered the sophomore class at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in September, 1871. In the fall of 1872, he entered the junior class at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and graduated from that institution in 1874. In the same year he removed to Huntington, Ind., where he was connected with the *Indiana Herald* as local editor for some time. He returned to Marysville in 1875, studied law with his father, Judge P. B. Cole, and was admitted to the bar February 13, 1876. Since that time he has practiced his profession at Marysville.

GEORGE COLMAN, the subject of this sketch, is one of the wealthiest and most influential Germans of Union County. He was born in Byrne, Germany, April 14, 1828, and is a son of John A. and Mary (Kreitline) Colman; the former a native of Byrne, was born August 9, 1797, and the latter a native of Newburg, Germany, was born March —, ——. They emigrated to the United States in 1840 and settled in Darby Township, where Mr. Colman purchased a tract of woodland containing 160 acres. He, with his family, occupied it till his death, which occurred May, 1879. Mr. Colman, our subject, is the fourth of a family of twelve children. He was reared to manhood on a farm, and acquired his education in the common schools of the day, which were by no means noted for their excellence. When of age he embarked in life for himself, working by the month at wages of $8 per month. He was employed as a month-laborer for seven years, at a salary ranging from $8 to $18 per month. At the expiration of this term he had saved of the fruits of his "hard and honest toil" $1,400. He invested in seventy-one acres of land, now forming a part of his home farm, on which he located in the latter part of 1855. His farm was in its original state, and no improvements had yet been made. Mr. Colman began the work of clearing and improving his farm. He made subsequent additions to the original purchase, till his home farm now embodies 600 acres, besides 375 acres located in Jerome Township. Mr. Colman is a representative of that thrifty class of Germans who had intelligence and principle, and although he went to do for himself when a poor boy, by his ceaseless industry and energy he has acquired large and valuable property, now owning, in all, 975 acres of finely improved land. He is a man of honor and integrity, and his success in life has been honorably achieved. He displays an important interest in all public enterprises, and is considered one of the most successful farmers of Union County. He was married April 17, 1855, to Mary C. Miller, daughter of John and Rebecca Miller. Mrs. Colman, a native of Germany, was born in May, 1833. Of ten children by this union, seven are living, viz.: John A., William G., John H., John M., Lizzie, Mary, and Emanuel L. Barbara, Anna and an infant are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Colman are members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. C. is in political affairs a Republican.

GEORGE W. COURT, retired, Marysville. George Court was born March 26, 1835, in Marion County, Ohio, where he was left with limited means and education, and only through his indomitable energy and frugality has made life a pronounced success. He was raised on a farm,

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and in 1856 began learning the carpenter's trade, and teaching school during the winter. In 1859, he entered upon the mercantile pursuit in which he was engaged until 1863, when he removed to Richwood, Union County. Here he became associated in business with T. P. Cratty, with whom he has since been more or less connected. Mr. Court engaged largely in building and improving property; erected several dwellings and storehouses in Richwood, and otherwise aided in the improvement and growth of the town. In 1877, he was elected County Treasurer, and the following year became a resident of this city. He pursued the hardware trade during the year 1881, since which time he has been dealing in real estate and landed property. He was married in Marion County, Ohio, in March, 1861, to Miss Eliza, daughter of Thomas Phillips, of that county. Two children born to this issue are living, viz.: Minnie and Edward. Frederick Court, grandfather of George, was a native of Germany, who settled in Virginia in ——. Joseph, the father of this subject, was born near Harper's Ferry, Va. He was married in Marion County, Ohio, to Miss Maria Sherman, a native of Vermont. Frederick and family moved and settled in Ross County, Ohio, in 1816, thence to Marion County, where he died in 1842. Joseph raised a family of nine children—six boys and three girls—all of whom are living, as follows. George, eldest; William, Sarah, Mary, Louisa, John, Joseph, Stephen and Frank.

OTWAY CURRY.

It is impossible, in this volume, to give an adequate sketch of Mr. Curry, for the thousand particulars which might be included can only be dwelt upon in an extended account of his life, such as only he who is most intimately acquainted with his character and career is competent to prepare.

Otway Curry was born March 26, 1804, on the site of what is now Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio, and was the son of Col. James Curry, a veteran officer of the Revolution, who came with his family to the territory now included in Union County in 1811. Otway Curry was a pupil in the log schoolhouse near the home of his boyhood, and also received much instruction from his parents, of a higher order than that imparted by the half-educated teachers whose services were in demand among the pioneers—even though they performed a good work in their way. The father was summoned to Chillicothe, a member of the Legislature, in 1812; the eldest son went out with the army to do battle for his country, and the rest of the family remained upon the farm under the superintendence of the prudent and patriotic mother. Alone in the wilderness, surrounded by savages, they were never molested, though often alarmed. On one occasion their horses showed every indication of fear; their dogs barked furiously, now rushing into the cornfield, and then retreating with bristling hair, as if driven. The family, concluding that Indians were near, prepared to fight as well as pray. The mother, in marshaling her forces, stationed young Otway and his brother Stephenson on guard, Otway at the house corner, and Stephenson at the bars, with loaded guns at a rest, and charged them to take aim and fire as soon as they saw an Indian. Fortunately, there was no attack made upon the domestic fort.

As the boy grew to man's estate, he read the small but choice collection of books in his father's library; and, before he came of age, he attended a select school in the neighborhood taught by Mr. C., a farmer of good education. In 1823, being determined to learn a trade, he went to Lebanon, Ohio, and there learned the art of carpentry. He was subsequently located a short time each at Cincinnati and Detroit, and later at Marion, Ohio. In company with Henry Mason, both possessed of a romantic nature, he made and launched a skiff at Millville, a small village on the Scioto River, and descended that stream to its mouth, proceeding thence down the Ohio to Cincinnati. At the latter point he engaged passage for himself and a box of tools, on a flatboat, and voyaged slowly down the Ohio and Mississippi to Port Gibson, where he spent one year. About this time he summoned courage to offer anonymously some verses to the newspapers, among which were his sweet poems, "My Mother," and "Kingdom Come." His lines won for him admiration at the outset, and it never diminished in degree during all the subsequent years. Returning to Cincinnati, he contributed more freely to the press, over the signature of "Abdallah," and at this time formed the acquaintance of William D. Gallagher, who was induced to seek, upon perusal of his stanzas, "The Minstrel's Home." This acquaintance was improved by time, and unbroken by jealousy, envy, or serious misunderstanding.

On leaving Cincinnati, Mr. Curry returned to his father's house, in Union County, where he passed the winter of 1828–29, dividing his time between the muse and the young lady. Miss Mary Noteman, who was about to and did, in December, become his wife. In 1829, he again visited the South, and spent four or five months at Baton Rouge, contributing, meanwhile, poetical productions both to the Cincinnati *Mirror* and the Cincinnati *Chronicle*. Upon his return, he settled in Union County and engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he prosecuted with industry till 1839. While on his farm, he courted the muses as opportunity offered, and issued some of his best verses from his rural home. He first appeared in public life in 1836, as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, to which he was re-elected in 1837 and 1842. While serving his last term, he purchased the newspaper known as the *Greene County Torch Light*, and removed to Xenia; he changed the name of the paper to Xenia *Torch Light*, and conducted it in an able manner for two years, when he sold out and returned to Marysville. He had previously, in 1838, associated himself with William D. Gallagher in the publication, at Columbus, of a literary monthly magazine called the *Hesperian*. It was of a high order, but not being adequately sustained, was discontinued at the end of the third volume.

Mr. Curry had studied law before his removal to Xenia, but had practiced little up to that time. He became master of his profession, and one of his ablest competitors said of him that, "although he entered the law late in life, and practiced it scarcely ten years, yet he had no superior as a sound lawyer, within the range of his practice, and bade fair, if his life had been spared a few years longer, to become an eminent legal mind." In 1850, he was elected a member of the second Ohio Constitutional Convention, and with manly firmness and dignity he resisted some of the principles of the instrument which that able body elaborated. In 1853, he purchased the *Scioto Gazette*, a daily paper published at Chillicothe, whither he removed. He continued to edit this paper with characteristic ability about one year, at the expiration of which time, owing to the failing health of his wife, he sold out and returned to Marysville, where he resumed the practice of his profession. In January, 1854, he was President of the Ohio Editorial Convention, at Cincinnati, and made many friends among the members, who had before known him only by his writings. He became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1843, and continued in that relation until his death, which occurred February 15, 1855, after a severe illness of two weeks' duration. A well-known biographer (the late Bishop Thomson) wrote of him:

"Mr. Curry's name is without a spot. In early life he labored with his hands, in later years with his mind—always rendering either moral or material benefit for all that he received. When called to office, it was by unsolicited suffrages, and, when placed in power, he was no tool of party. No speeches for sinister ends, no motion for faction purposes, no empty declamations or busy demonstrations or crafty schemes disgraced his political career. Guided by a sense of duty to his country, he walked heedless alike of private threats and popular clamor. At the bar he was the shield of innocence, the terror of guilt and the moderator of Justice. Though liable, like other men, to be deceived by his clients and influenced by his passions, he would not enforce what he deemed an unjust claim or prosecute a just one in an unjust mode. As an editor, he manifested the same integrity, though sorely tried. Once determined on his course, he stopped at no obstacles, heeded no persecution, and declined no conflict. He was, however, too modest, unambitious and averse to public life for a leader. He was a man of great social and domestic virtue. As a neighbor, he was considerate, peaceful, obliging and hospitable; looking with patience upon the weakness, and with silence upon the wrongs of others, he cherished no malignity, fomented no disputes, flattered no patron, and pierced no victim. Though not insensible to ingratitude, meanness and injury, he was too respectful of himself and too charitable toward others to indulge in any utterances that would give pain, unless they were necessary to a prudent maintenance of right. He was as far from being a cynic as a parasite. * * In his home he found a paradise. Thither his steps tended when the toils of the day were over; there, among his little ones, he talked as a child, he thought as a child, he played as a child; there, too, he rejoiced with the wife of his youth, and found in her smiles a recompense for his labors and a refuge from his cares. He was a man of fervent and unostentatious piety, and he delighted in simplicity of worship. * * * * Mr. Curry's chief characteristic was his taste. His mind was in harmony with nature; he had a relish for all beauty. To him it was not in vain that God painted the landscape green, cast the channels of the streams in graceful curves, lighted up the arch of night, and turned the gates of the day on golden hinges amid the anthems of a grateful world. No thirst for wealth, no conflict for honor, no lust for meaner pleasures destroyed his sensibility to the harmonies and proportions of the universe. From a child, he was fond of nature and solitude; as he grew up poets were his companions; with them he sympathized; with them he sat, side by side, in the enchanted land of song; to see, to enjoy what the idle, the worldly and the profane cannot—this was not merely his pastime, but his living. A luxurious melancholy chastened his spirit and mellowed the light which it reflected. * * * * The love of beauty is usually associated with the capacity to reproduce it; that is taste, this is art. Mr. Curry's art was not proportionate to his taste; it manifested itself in the sweet music of his flute and the sweeter strains of his verse; the former is lost in the empty air, the latter will float down the river of time. His poetry will not be relished by the masses; it has no pæans of battle, no provocations of mirth, no mockery of misery, no strokes of malice. It is the song of a religious soul; faith is the bond which links its stanzas, a faith that brings heaven near to earth and man into fellowship with angels. Like wine, it will be pronounced better as it grows older; not because it will improve, but because the world's taste will. What he uttered we may suppose was little compared with what he bore away with him into heaven, where he will take up the harp that he laid down too early on earth."

Rebecca S. Nichols, herself a gifted poetess, and a friend of Mr. Curry, speaks thus eloquently of him: "Within the holy fire of poesy burned clear and bright, refining the material man and lifting the more ethereal element of our twofold nature up to the realms of love and faith and peace, where the indwelling soul preludes the feast of immortal joys. No petty ambitions, no goading desires for name and fame among the great of earth ever soiled the bosom of our friend. To more quietly in his accustomed round of prescribed duties—to enjoy the communion of chosen and congenial minds—to yield himself up to the manifold enchantments of inspiring nature—to utter in verse, smooth and musical as his favorite streams, the live thoughts of the passing moments, made up the sum of his daily happiness; and if a shade of sadness, as of some secret and acknowledged sorrow, bordered the placid beauty of existence, it only added tenderness to the hearts of those who knew and loved him, and made them more eager to minister to his simple and unadulterated pleasures."

Mr. Curry was a man of fine form, tall and well proportioned, possessed a broad, lofty brow, and an open countenance. He wore no beard and was seen always in office and street freshly and cleanly shaven. His taste was unacceptionable in dress, in language, in reading, and, indeed in all things. He was extremely cautious and careful, both in his speech and his writings, and nothing from his pen was ever permitted to go to the press until it had first been scrutinized, word by word, for the sake of correctness and improvement. From this fact, the criticism which his poems will bear is easily explained. He was, in all respects, a man which any community could ill afford to lose, and the sorrow of his friends and relatives at his untimely taking away was profuse and most sincere.

Mr. Curry was married December 17, 1828, in the identical great frame house in which Zachariah Noteman now lives, to Mary, daughter of Andrew Noteman, of Jerome Township, on Darby Creek. Miss Noteman, born August 13, 1806, was a very handsome woman, and was known far and near as the "Darby Beauty." She had large, lustrous, dark eyes, dark brown hair, and was of a quiet, engaging disposition. She was for many years a member of the Methodist Church, an unassuming Christian woman, and a devoted wife and mother. Her father, it is said, was opposed to the marriage, because of young Curry's too great fondness for books, and the improbability of his ever, in consequence, becoming a thrifty farmer. But the old gentlemen soon became reconciled and was, until the day of his death, a devoted friend of his son-in-law. Soon after the marriage, he gave his daughter and her husband a fine farm on Darby Creek, adjoining Plain City, at present known as the Jones farm. Mrs. Curry died at Marysville, Ohio, April 21, 1856, following her husband to the old Marysville churchyard in just one year two months and six days. By this marriage there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Curry but two children, a daughter and a son. The eldest, Mary Aletha, was born September 21, 1829, and the son, Llewellyn, November, 28, 1831. Mary was married at her father's house in Marysville, June 24, 1846, to William Cooper, merchant, of Xenia, Ohio (deceased in 1849). She died at her home in Marysville March 18, 1872. Llewellyn studied law with his father and Hon. J. W. Robinson, and in the year 1857 he removed to Chicago, where, as successsively lawyer, journalist and broker, he has since resided.

The following are some of Mr. Curry's choicest poems:

TO MY MOTHER.

My mother! though in darkness now
  The slumber of the grave is passed,
Its gloom will soon be o'er, and thou
  Wilt break away at last,
And dwell where neither grief nor pain
Can ever reach thy heart again.

Sleep on—the cold and heavy hand
  Of death has stilled thy gentle breast;
No rude sound of this stormy land
  Shall mar thy peaceful rest:
Undying guardians round thee close,
To count the years of thy repose.

A day of the far years will break
  On every sea and every shore,
In whose bright morning thou shalt wake
  And rise, to sleep no more—
No more to molder in the gloom
And coldness of the dreary tomb.

I saw thy fleeting life decay,
  Even as a frail and withering flower,
And vainly strove to while away
  Its swiftly closing hour:
It came, with many a thronging thought
Of anguish ne'er again forgot.

In life's proud dreams I have no part,
  No share in its resounding glee;
The musings of my weary heart
  Are in the grave with thee.
There have been bitter tears of mine
Above that lowly bed of thine.

It seems to my fond memory now,
As it had been but yesterday,
When I was but a child, and thou
Didst cheer me in my play;
And in the evenings, still and lone,
Didst lull me with thy music-tone.

And when the twilight hours begun,
And shining constellations came,
Thou bad'st me know each nightly sun,
And con its ancient name;
For thou had'st learned their lore and light
With watchings in the tranquil night.

And then, when leaning on thy knee,
I saw them in their grandeur rise,
It was a joy, in sooth, to me:
But now the starry skies
Seem holier grown and doubly fair,
Since thou art with the angels there.

The stream of life, with hurrying flow,
Its course may bear me swiftly thro';
I grieve not, for I soon shall go,
And by thy side renew
The love which here for thee I bore,
And never leave thy presence more.

THE BLOSSOMS OF LIFE.

Life is like a sweeping river,
Ceaseless in its seaward flow—
On whose waves quick sunbeams quiver,
On whose banks sweet blossoms grow—

Blossoms quick to grow and perish;
Swift to bloom and swift to fall;
Those we earliest learn to cherish
Soonest pass beyond recall.

Shall we lose them all forever?
Leave them on this earthly strand?
Shall their joyous radiance never
Reach us in the spirit land?

Soon the tide of life up-flowing
Buoyantly from time's dim shore,
Where supernal flowers are growing,
Shall meander ever more.

There the hopes that long have told us
Of the climes beyond the tomb,
While superber skies enfold us,
Shall renew their starry bloom.

And the bloom that here in sadness
Faded from the flowers of love,
Shall with its immortal gladness
Crown us in the world above.

AUTUMN MUSINGS.

'Tis autumn. Many and many a fleeting age
Hath faded since the primal morn of Time;
And silently the slowly journeying years,
All redolent of countless seasons, pass.

The spring-time wakes in beauty, and is fraught
With power to thrill the leaping pulse of joy,
And urge the footsteps of ideal hope
With flowery lightness on. In peerless day
Resplendent summer garlandeth the world;
And contemplation through her sky serene
Ascends unwearied, emulous to lead,
To marshal, and to proudly panoply
The votaries of ambition as they rise.
These, with their gilded pageants, disappear,
And vestal Truth leads on the silent hours
Of autumn's lonely reign. The weary gales
Creep o'er the waters, and the sun-brown plains,
Oft whispering as they pass a long farewell
To the frail emblems of the waning year,
The drooping foliage, and the dying leaves.
This is the time for care; to break the spell
Of ever-fading fancy; to contrast
The evanescent beams of earthly bliss
With the long, dread array of deepening ill.
The ills of life are twofold: those which fall
With lead-like weight upon the mortal clay
Are transient in their kind; for the frail dust
Erelong shall blend with the innumerous sands,
And atoms of the boundless universe,
Absorbed in the unfelt, unconscious rest
Of lifeless, soulless matter, without change,
Save when the far-off period shall arrive
Of shadowy nothingness.

The deadlier ills
That tinge existence with unbroken gloom
Are lost to melioration, for they hold
The ever-during spirit in their grasp,
And in their kind a withering permanence.
To linger in unrest—to be endowed
With high aspiring, endless, limitless!
On thought's unshackled pinions to outride
The air-borne eagles of the Appennines;
To pierce the surging depths of endless space;
To revel in the stalwart fervidness
Of its careering forms! to sweep sublime
Through the far regions of immensity,
Then fall astounded from the dreaming height,
And wake in wildering durance: these are things
That well may dim the sleepless eyes of care.
And thou, too, Friendship, pilgrim-child of heaven!
The balm that brings the spirit sweet relief
From the keen stings of sorrow and despair,
'Tis thine to give; yet the deep quietude
Of the bereaving tomb hath shrouded oft
The morning-prime of beings formed for thee.

THE GREAT HEREAFTER.

'Tis sweet to think, when struggling
  The goal of life to win,
That just beyond the shores of time
  The better days begin.

When through the nameless ages
  I cast my longing eyes,
Before me, like a boundless sea,
  The Great Hereafter lies.

Along its brimming bosom
  Perpetual summer smiles
And gathers like a golden robe,
  Around the emerald isles.

There in the long blue distance,
By lulling breezes fanned,
I seem to see the flowering groves
Of old Beulah's land.

And far beyond the islands
That gem the wave serene,
The image of the cloudless shore
Of holy Heaven is seen.

Unto the Great Hereafter—
Aforetime dim and dark—
I freely now, and gladly, give
Of life the wandering bark.

And in the far-off haven,
When shadowy seas are passed,
By angel hands its quivering sails
Shall all be furled at last.

THE CLOSING YEAR.

The year has reached its evening time,
And well its closing gloom
May warn us of the lonely night
That gathers round the tomb.

But many a distant year and age
May slowly come and go,
Before the sleepers of the grave
Another spring-time know.

And yet, beyond the gloomy vale,
Where death's dark river flows,
On sunniest shores our faith is fixed—
Our deathless hopes repose.

We trust that when the night of time
Shall into morning break,
We shall, from long and heavy sleep,
With song and gladness wake.

THE TIME TO DIE.

Part not when the sleepers wake
At the young day's glimmering break—
Part not in the golden light
When the early morn is bright,
And the mist-clouds dark and dim
All around thee sweep and swim;
Through the radiance of the dawn
Let thy spirit linger on.
Part not in the fervid noon,
When the worlds where, swift and soon,
Thou with plumy wing shalt stray,
Seem so far, so fallen away.
Part not in the balmy eve,
When the passing sunbeams leave
Wavering crimson all around,
And the free wind's lulling sound
And the tones of human mirth
Bind thee to the homes of earth.
Rest thee, till the light and power
Of the waning twilight hour
Leave thee, girt with shadows dread—
Gathering darkness round thee spread.

Linger till the stars outshine,
With their long and silent line,
Winding up the solemn sky,
To the zenith steep and high;
Then along the fearful track
Let thy spirit wander back,
Where the times eternal came,
Ages without end or name.
Muse upon the millions vast
Of the unremembered past—
Older than the hills their birth,
Changing with the changing earth;
Countless host succeeding host,
Order after order lost;
Planted in existence bright,
On the verge of endless night,
In this flickering life of pain
But a moment to remain;
Hurrying to eternal sleep
In their rocky mansions deep.
Muse upon the coming time,
When the ancient hills sublime
Shall be desolate and sere,
And the seas shall disappear.
All shall be one mighty tomb,
In whose overwhelming gloom
Every form of life shall bow;
And of all that greet thee now,
Many a loved and loving one,
Not a whisper, not a tone,
On the wave or on the shore,
Shall be heard, forevermore.
Musing in the feeble light
Of the still and starry night,
Soon shall thy sad spirit yearn
For the time to part, and turn
From the shadowy things of naught
To the land of life, thy thought—
From the things of lowly dust
To the far-off Heaven, thy trust.
Then upon the closing eye
Heavy shall the midnight lie—
Then shall be the hour of doom;
Gird thee for its fear and gloom;
Calmly from thy cumbering clay
In the silence pass away.

It is said by one who saw Mr. Curry dying, that his dissolution was even as described in the last lines of the above poem—calmly and in the silence his spirit left the "cumbering clay" and the poet's heart was still.

The following "Fourth of July Ode" was written by Otway Curry,* and was first sung at a celebration held at Bigelow's Grove, Pleasant Valley, Madison County, Ohio, July 4, 1833, under the leadership of Nelson Cone. The same gentleman led in singing it forty-five years later—September 27, 1878, at a re-union of the Curry family on Mr. Cone's farm in Jerome Township:

God of the high and boundless heaven,
  We call upon Thy name;
We tread the soil that Thou hast given
  To freedom and to fame.
Around us, on the ocean waves,
  Our starry banners sweep;
Around us, in their lowly graves,
  Our patriot fathers sleep.

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*The song as here given is found in *The Hesperian* for July, 1838.

With fearless hearts and stalwart hands,
They bore their eagles high
O'er serried arms and battle brands,
Careering in the sky;
For freedom, in her darkest day,
Their life-blood bathed the plain;
Their moldering tombs may pass away,
Their glories shall remain.

God of the free! Thy children bless,
With joy their labor crown;
Let their domain be limitless,
And endless their renown.
Proclaim the morn of freedom's birth
O'er every land and sea,
Till her pure spirit frees the earth,
Even as the heavens are free.

THE GOINGS FORTH OF GOD.

God walketh on the earth. The purling rills
And mightier streams before Him glance away,
Rejoicing in His presence. On the plains
And spangled fields, and in the mazy vales,
The living throngs of earth before Him fall
With thankful hymns, receiving from His hand
Immortal life and gladness. Clothed upon
With burning crowns the mountain-heralds stand,
Proclaiming to the blooming wilderness
The brightness of His coming, and the power
Of Him who ever liveth, all in all!

God walketh on the ocean. Brilliantly
The glassy waters mirror back His smiles,
The surging billows and the gamboling storms
Come crouching to His feet. The hoary deep
And the green, gorgeous islands offer up
The tribute of their treasures—pearls and shells
And crown-like drapery of the dashing foam.
And solemnly the tesselated halls,
And coral domes of mansions in the depths,
And gardens of the golden sanded sea,
Blend, with the anthems of the chiming waves,
Their alleluias unto Him who rules
The invisible armies of eternity.

God journeyeth in the sky. From sun to sun,
From star to star, the living lightnings flash,
And pealing thunders through all space proclaim
The goings forth of Him whose potent arm
Perpetuates existence, or destroys
From depths unknown, unsearchable, profound,
Forth rush the wandering comets; girt with flames
They blend, in order true, with marshaling hosts
Of starry worshipers. The unhallowed orbs
Of earth-born fire, that cleave the hazy air,
Blanched by the flood of uncreated light,
Fly with the fleeting winds and misty clouds
Back to their homes, and deep in darkness lie.

God journeyeth in the heavens. Refulgent stars,
And glittering crowns of prostrate Seraphim
Emboss His burning path. Around Him fall
Dread powers, dominions, hosts and kingly thrones.
Angels of God—adoring millions—join
With spirits pure, redeemed from distant worlds,

Le Roy Decker.

In choral songs of praise: "Thee we adore,
For Thou art mighty. Everlasting spheres
Of light and glory in Thy presence wait.
Time, space, life, light, dominion, majesty,
Truth, wisdom—all are thine, Jehovah! Thou
First, last, supreme, eternal Potentate!"

The following is the famous "Log Cabin Song," written by Mr. Curry in 1840, and sung at the great Columbus Convention, on the 22d of February. in that year; tune, "Highland Laddie:"

Oh, where, tell me where, was your buckeye cabin made?
Oh, where, tell me where, was your buckeye cabin made?
'Twas built among the merry boys that wield the plow and spade,
Where the log cabins stand in the bonnie buckeye shade.
'Twas built, etc.

Oh, what, tell me what, is to be your cabin's fate?
Oh, what, tell me what, is to be your cabin's fate?
We'll wheel it to the Capital, and place it there elate,
For a token and a sign of the bonnie Buckeye State.
We'll wheel, etc.

Oh, why, tell me why, does your buckeye cabin go?
Oh, why, tell me why, does your buckeye cabin go?
It goes against the spoilsmen, for well its builders know
It was HARRISON *that fought for the cabins long ago.*
It goes, etc.

Oh, who fell before him in battle, tell me who?
Oh, who fell before him in battle, tell me who?
He drove the savage legions, and British armies, too,
At the Rapids and the Thames, and old Tippecanoe.
He drove, etc.

By whom, tell me whom, will the battle next be won?
By whom, tell me whom, will the battle next be won?
The spoilsmen and leg-treasurers will soon begin to run,
And the log-cabin candidate will march to Washington.
The spoilsmen, etc.

O what, tell me what, then, will little Martin do?
O what, tell me what, then, will little Martin do?
He'll "follow in the footsteps" of Price and Swartwout, too,
While the log-cabins ring again with Tippecanoe.
He'll follow, etc.

Calvin W. McLain, of Jacksonville, Ill., in a letter, dated January 31, 1883, mentioning the foregoing popular song, and the moving of the campaign log cabin from Marysville to Columbus, says:

"I was then but fifteen years old, and of course cannot give as good a history as one who passed through it at mature age. The first I knew of the song, 'O where, tell me where was your buckeye cabin made,' was a short time before the Columbus Convention of February 22, 1840, in my father's* office in the court house at Marysville; he was then County Auditor I think. Otway Curry had written the song, and he had his flute playing, and my father singing. There may have been others present, I cannot say; at any rate, that was the first rehearsal, and they were all wild over it. I was then the printer's devil for the paper called *Our Freedom*, and at once secured a copy of the song, went to work printing it, and was the first to put it in type and print it without help. The log cabin was then being built; I cannot recollect about the dedication speeches, etc. When the start was made for Columbus, it was before daybreak. I had not obtained permission to go, but secreted myself in one corner of the cabin until we were well out of town, and then showed my big bundle of the song; consent was given me to go. In addition to yourself, I believe one of the Winget boys was along, but think he did not go through. Well I remember the muddy and toilsome drive until we struck the pike near Jefferson; then all was excitement in that cabin, preparing for the first grand entry. There we met the delegation from the west, and the town was full of people to remain overnight. The song was sung as we drove through the streets to the hotel, and there was a rush of people from every direction. On arriving at the hotel the crowd closed in on us and demanded the song again; once more was not enough, it had to be repeated, and each verse was followed by such shouts as roused the country round about. This first public rendering of the song I cannot better describe than by telling the experience of a relative of mine from near Urbana. He was a stanch Presbyterian of the Scottish type. He told me afterward that at this time, while we were singing the song, he was approaching the town on his way to Columbus; he heard these shouts at intervals, and, as he rode along, came to the conclusion that his party (he was a strong Whig) was going crazy, and he then and there decided that he would not take any part, or in any manner have anything to do with such wild operations. But he approached slowly, and arrived in time to hear the last verse, when he joined with the crowd and yelled as loudly, threw his hat as high, and cut as many antics as any one; farther than that, he did not stop it nor sober down until he got home again. As for myself, in looking back over forty-three years, I have made music a study in all conditions of society—social, religious, political and national—and have engaged with a thousand soldier voices in 'Shouting the battle-cry of Freedom,' during the war, but have never seen anything to excel the effect produced by this song.

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* Stephen McLain.

"After the song was finished the second time, everybody wanted a copy of it. I was seated in front with the driver, and handed out my bill songs; my hands were cold and numb; I could not handle the money as it rolled in, but by the assistance of all on board, in a short time the songs were all gone, and until late at night I was in demand to teach the tune to the purchasers. At Jefferson we met another log cabin, I think from Springfield, Ohio, but it had been built after ours. I claim that the Marysville cabin was the first built for that campaign. I was in the printing office at the time and had access to all the exchanges, and this fact was impressed on my memory. The next day on to Columbus, the Springfield party singing the questions, and the Marysville cabin boys the replies. I cannot describe the scenes at Columbus; suffice it to say that by the time we got there every one of the party was on the roof of the cabin. Crowds swayed from street to street to hear that song again; when the procession was over, the jam around us was so great it was impossible to move, and sing we had to as long as there was anybody on board. We finally wound up by driving in front of the *Statesman* office; the first verse brought Sam Medary to the window, when we gave him some items for his next issue. Several printing offices published and sold the song. The *State Journal* office, learning I was the first typo, gave me free all the songs I could sell, and my pockets were well filled when I got home. I cannot now recollect the persons who composed the party, except Mr. Curry and my father. One more incident and I am done: Some years ago, while visiting at Urbana, Ohio, I called at Ab Jennings', then living there, but since moved to Springfield, Ohio. While talking with Mrs. Jennings about Marysville, she excitedly arose and left the room; she soon returned with a flute in her hand, and with a flourish announced, 'that is the identical flute used by Otway Curry in playing while your father sang the log cabin song!' Of course I did reverence it. Yours truly, CALVIN W. MCLAIN."

COL. W. L. CURRY, Auditor of Union County, was born on the old Curry homestead in Jerome Township, June 25, 1839. He is the third son of Stephenson and Sarah D. Curry, and a grandson of Col. James Curry, whose history is given elsewhere in this work. His early life was passed on his father's farm, his education being acquired in the common schools and in the Marysville Academy, and Otterbein University, at Westerville. At the age of eighteen years he engaged in the profession of teaching, which he followed during the winter seasons of four years. On April 24, 1861, in response to the country's first call for volunteers, he enlisted in a company for the first three months' service that was not mustered into service, as the "three years' call" was issued before the company was recruited to the required number. On September 8, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, First Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and in October, 1861, was appointed Orderly Sergeant of his company. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, and after serving on scouting duty in Kentucky during the winter of 1861, they marched with Gen. Thomas' army to Pittsburgh Landing, in April, 1862, and participated in the siege of Corinth. On June 16, 1862, Sergt. Curry was commissioned Second Lieutenant, and on March 3, 1863, was promoted to First Lieutenant of his company. The next engagement in which he took part was at Booneville, Mississippi, followed by Courtland, Alabama, where he was taken prisoner. He was exchanged in February, 1863, returned to his regiment and took command of his company and participated in the campaign of Gen. Rosencrans' army, from Murfreesboro to Tullahoma and on to Chattanooga. In August, 1863, he was assigned to the command of Company M, and fought at Alpine and Lafayette, Ga., and at Chickamauga. He commanded this company on the famous raid of the rebel cavalry chieftain Gen. Wheeler through Tennessee, in the rear of Rosencrans' army, in October, 1863, and fought at McMinville, Murfreesboro, Shelbyville, Farmington and Mussel Shoals, Ala. Lieut. Curry and his company re-enlisted as veterans at Pulaski, Tenn., January 4, 1864, and after his veteran furlough of thirty days had expired, he joined Sherman's army, early in the spring of 1864, and fought at Moulton, Ala., Peachtree Creek, Noon-day Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, and in Kilpatrick's daring raid around the Confederate army in Atlanta, August, 1864. In September, 1864, he was appointed Quartermaster of his regiment, and when Sherman started on his march to the sea, the First Ohio Cavalry marched with the army of Gen. Thomas to Tennessee to intercept Hood, and from there to

Louisville, Ky., to mount and equip. On December 14, 1864, Lieut. Curry was promoted to the rank of Captain. A few days after his arrival at Louisville, he was violently thrown from his horse and received injuries from which he has never recovered and on account of which he was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., December 30, 1864. Returning home he engaged in merchandising in New California, and in 1869, removed to Plain City, where he was engaged in the same business two years. In 1871, he removed to Richwood, where he was engaged in the drug trade until his election to the office of County Auditor, in October, 1875. He is now serving his third term as Auditor of Union County. He takes an active interest in everything pertaining to military matters, is considered the best authority on military law and history, and devotes a great deal of time to the interests of his comrades, in matters of pensions, bounties and other interests. He is now serving as commander of Ransom Reed Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He served for five years as Lieutenant Colonel of the Fourteenth Regiment Ohio National Guards. Col. Curry is a Republican in politics and always takes an active interest in the affairs of his party and in all political matters. He was married, December 21, 1865, to Martha J. Robinson, daughter of J. D. Robinson, of Jerome Township. She was born in Jerome Township April 12, 1843. Three children have been given to bless this union, of whom two are living—Ivaloo and Lucile. Mr. and Mrs. Curry are members of the Presbyterian Church at Marysville.

JAMES CURRY, fourth son of Stephenson and Sarah D. Curry, was born in Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, January 4, 1842. He followed farming until February 6, 1865, when he enlisted and served one year in Company B, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Gen. Steadman, in Georgia. Resumed farming for one year, and in April, 1867, began his collegiate course at Vermillion Institute, Hayesville, Ohio, where he delivered an oration at the tri-ennial re-union of old students, August, 1869. He entered the junior class of the University of Wooster, Ohio, in the spring of 1871, this being the first year of its existence, from which he graduated September 18, 1872, with the degree of A. B., and in 1875, he received the degree of A. M. from the same institution. He was chosen professor of mathematics in Vermillion Institute previous to graduation from the university, and served in that capacity as teacher of Latin and Greek from April, 1872, to June, 1873. He was married to Miss Maggie A. Sloan, of Hayesville, Ohio, September 30, 1873, and went to California to attend the San Francisco Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of San Francisco, March 18, 1874, graduated from the seminary April 29, 1875, and received a call to become pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Carson City, Nev., which he declined, to continue in mission work at San Pablo and West Berkeley, Cal. Under his ministrations a church was gathered up and organized in each place. He was ordained to the gospel ministry and installed pastor of the church at San Pablo, August 28, 1876, while a beautiful house of worship was erected at West Berkeley in 1879. He was elected President of the Alumni Association of the San Francisco Theological Seminary at its organization October, 1880, and was twice re-elected, and delivered the first alumni and decennial oration of the seminary in San Francisco, April, 1881. He resigned his pastorate at San Pablo, February 1, 1883, to concentrate his labors at West Berkeley. At the present time (February, 1883,) he resides in West Berkeley, Cal., is in charge of the Presbyterian Church there, and Moderator of the Presbytery of San Francisco.

N. P. DAVIDSON, physician, Marysville, was born in Perry County, Ohio, October 10, 1849. He is the third son of Nicholas and Sarah (Linn) Davidson. He was reared on a farm in his native place till fifteen years of age, when he left home to do for himself. He spent one summer working by the month in Pickaway County, then went to Clay County, Illinois, where he remained till 1872. He taught school, of winters for four years, working on the farm during the summer. In the fall of 1872 he returned to Ohio, and entered the National Normal School at Lebanon, in which he remained as a student two years. He resumed teaching and followed it in Warren, Fairfield and Hocking Counties, three years. He read medicine under Dr. G. W. Dawson of Gibsonville, Hocking County, finishing his course in 1877. He attended the Columbus Medical College, graduating February 24, 1882. In 1877–78, he practiced with his preceptor in medicine, and in 1879 began the practice at Oakland, Fairfield County, where he continued until the fall of 1881. In March, 1882, he established himself in Marysville, when he is practicing his profession with success. On February 23, 1877, he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Shepherd, daughter of William and Jenette Shepherd, and a native of Xenia, Ohio. Dr. Davidson and lady are associated with the Presbyterian Church of Marysville. Dr. D. is a member of the Union County Medical Association, and Examining Surgeon for the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company. He had been a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity for twelve years, having joined Clay City, (Ills.) Lodge in 1871.

LE ROY DECKER, jeweler, Marysville. This enterprising character, with J. B. Cross, established business in this city in 1874, under the firm name of Decker & Cross. This copartnership dissolved the following year and Mr. Decker succeeding, became sole proprietor of the concern. He carries a stock comprising choice selections, in diamonds, watches, clocks, silverware and a full line of jewelery in valuable and artistic designs. He certainly displays fine and judicious judgment in his purchases, buying almost exclusively from the manufacturers. Therefore he is enabled to present to the public a line of goods, equal to any establishment of our larger cities.

Marysville may well feel proud of this class of enterprise, and the purchaser or visitor will always meet with a pleasant and hearty welcome from its generous and social proprietor. The subject of this sketch whose portrait appears in this volume, emanates from the Buckeye State, and was born in Delaware County, Ohio, in 1845. His father, Frederick Decker, was a native of New Jersey, who, with his family, occupied an early settlement in Bucyrus. Crawford County, Ohio, and was distinguished as a pioneer and mechanic. He was a millwright by occupation, and erected one of the first mills in Bucyrus, Ohio. Subsequently he removed to Delaware County, Ohio, where he erected several mills which stand to-day as monuments to his enterprise and mechanical abilities. For the past twenty-five years he has been engaged in farming, and is at this time, August, 1882, residing on the homestead near Millville, Delaware County. He retains the ownership of the Millville Mill. an edifice of his construction located near the homestead. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary A. Munson, was born in New Jersey, and joined her husband in his success and sorrows until death called her from its scenes. Her demise occurred in Delaware County, in 1855. She was a Christian lady, a fond mother and devoted wife. Le Roy Decker was reared on a farm and was taught to toil with his hands. In 1863, he joined the boys in blue in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-fifth O. N. G., and served four months in the field. The regiment was stationed at Arlington Heights performing duty at Forts Craig and Tillinghast. Returning to peaceful pursuits, he was married July 4, 1865, to Miss Maria L. Winget, a native of Delaware County, and a daughter of W. C. Winget, with whom he subsequently became associated in the mercantile trade at Ostrander. This connection dissolved nine years later, during which time Mr. D. learned the jewelry trade with Spencer Lincoln, of Delaware, after which he further pursued his studies in the wholesale house of G. T. Dorlin, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and became a thorough student and master of his profession. Mr. D. is a member of the Blue Lodge and Chapter in the Masonic fraternity of this city, and the Raper Commandery, No. 19, of Urbana, Ohio. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church. His living children are Ella A. and Edith M.

DAVID EDWARDS, book-keeper, Marysville, is the eldest son of Jesse P. and Abrilla (Stephens) Edwards, both natives of Bedford County, Penn., who came to Ohio in 1847, and selected a home in Licking County, where they resided until 1861, when they moved and settled in Jerome Township, Union County, where they yet remain. The subject of this sketch was born in Bedford County, Penn., September 16, 1836. He received his primary education in the schools of Clyde, Sandusky County, completing his education at the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, and for two years prior to the Rebellion taught school in Licking County. In the spring of 1861, he further pursued his studies in the National Normal School at Lebanon, and the following year taught school at that place. In the summer of 1862, he came to this city, and in August enlisted as First Sergeant in Company K, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the first engagement against Vicksburg, under Sherman, and at Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863. The following spring he was discharged at Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, on account of disability. Returning to peaceful pursuits, he was appointed Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue, under C. S. Hamilton, and discharged the duties of that office two years. at which time he was appointed Postmaster. In this position he served two years, and resigned. Subsequently he became associated as assistant agent of the C., C., C. and I. R. R., and became General Agent and Express Agent. July 1, 1872. This avocation he followed for ten years, and in July, 1881, he engaged as book-keeper for the Butter Tub Factory, in whose employ he is at this time engaged. Mr. Edwards has served on the School Board two terms, and also in the City Council. He ran on the Independent ticket for Clerk, in 1881, and is a citizen well known and highly esteemed. He was married in 1864 to Miss Lucinda, a daughter of Oliver Brooks, a native of Licking County, Ohio. This union has been blessed with four children, three of whom are living, viz.: Dwight B., Orra H. and Arthur H. Mr. Edwards is a member of the Masonic order, the G. A. R., and connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically, he is a Republican.

JOHN S. FLECK, of the firm of Fleck & Chapman, planing-mill, Marysville, is a son of John and Mary (Abrams) Fleck, both natives of Cumberland County, Penn., who settled in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1833. The following year he moved and entered upon a mercantile pursuit at Carrollton, Ohio. In the spring of 1842, he purchased and settled upon a farm in Jerome Township, Union County, which at that time was mostly wooded. Here he industriously worked in clearing the land and plying his trade, shoe-making. He was an energetic man, and a citizen widely known and esteemed. He lost his wife by death in 1858. His demise is recorded in 1872. The subject of this sketch was born in Cumberland County, Penn., January 4, 1827. He became a citizen of Marysville in the fall of 1844, and engaged as an apprentice at the carpenter's trade with Samuel Restler. Three years after he took contracts for building, and entered largely upon the work of his profession. In 1875, he formed the above copartnership, and the firm erected the mill where they have since carried on a large and successful trade in the manufacture of sash, doors and building material. The building covers four lots and has a frontage on Main street of 264 feet. It is fully stocked with lumber, and the house employs from fifteen to twenty men. This firm began business with a capital of $2,500 each, and the sales for year 1881 were $45,000. The estimate for 1882 is $60,000. Mr. Fleck was married in 1849, to Miss

Anna Rose, a native of Lancaster County, Penn., by whom he has three children, all living, viz.: Mary E., Edwin and Charles H.

GEORGE A. FOX, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1824. He, with his step-father, William Boerger, and his wife, Elizabeth, emigrated to this country in 1844. Andrew Fox, father of this subject, died before he (George) was born. He sought employment at Columbus, Ohio, where he became engaged and learned the trade of a bricklayer. This avocation he diligently pursued until 1853, when he moved to this county, and two years afterward purchased his present estate, consisting of seventy-two and three-fourths acres, thirty-three acres of which lie in the limits of the corporation. He also has another farm of 133 acres in Paris Township, most of which is under cultivation. He was united in marriage April 1, 1850, with a daughter of Adam Kuhlman, of this county. Five children born to this union are living, as follows: Emanuel, George W., John L., Nettie M. and Frederick C. Mr. Fleck served in the ranks of the United States Army in 1847, during the war with Mexico, enlisting in Company B, of the Fourth Ohio Infantry, serving until its close, in 1848. He is a Trustee of the Lutheran Church of this city, and a man whose success in life has been marked by energy, economy and unremitting attention to business.

GEORGE EMANUEL FOX, contractor and builder, Marysville, Ohio, was born in Darby Township, this county, November 6, 1851, and is a son of George A. and Susanna (Kuhlman) Fox, natives of Bavaria, Germany, who came to America in 1844 and 1840, respectively. George is the eldest of five children—four sons and one daughter. He removed with his parents to near Marysville in 1854, from Columbus, Ohio, to which place they went soon after his birth. At the age of thirteen, he began learning the trade of masonry and bricklaying, and, seven years later, went to Columbus, in which place and others he followed his trade ten years, and then returned to Marysville. He is an efficient workman, and as monuments to his skill we mention the City Hall, Robinson Building, German Church, *Tribune* Building, Gunderman Building and a number of elegant private residences. He also built school buildings at the following places: Woodstock, Milford Centre, and Irwin Station. He was married January 24, 1876 to Miss Josephine, daughter of Andrew and Margaret Burger, who has borne him four children, viz., Carrie, Nettie, Katie and Mary. Mrs. Fox was born March 19, 1853. Both are members of the German Lutheran Church. Mr. Fox affiliates with the Democratic party and is a member of the City Council.

GEORGE W. FOX, Chief of Fire Department, Marysville, was born in Paris Township March 20, 1855, and is a brother of George E. Fox, whose sketch appears in this work. He was reared to farm pursuits until eighteen years of age, at which time he began learning masonry and bricklaying with his father, with whom he served three years. He was afterward connected with his brother in the same business three years, and assisted in the erection of the buildings spoken of in George E.'s sketch. He has been a member of the city fire department since 1878, and was elected its chief in April, 1880, and re-elected in 1882. He was married January 17, 1878, to Barbara, daughter of George and Mary Geier, by whom he has had two children, viz., Mary and George William. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fox are exemplary members of the German Lutheran Church, and are socially esteemed by their many friends and acquaintances. Mrs. F. was born at Columbus, Ohio, in 1855.

WESLEY GARRARD, merchant, Marysville. This establishment was opened to the public by its present proprietor, November 19, 1858, at that time located in a building on the present site of the Farmers' Bank. This institution gained notoriety, and became widely known as the Buck-horn Store, by the sign of the horns over the door. The stock consists of groceries, hardware and notions—in fact any article not to be found elsewhere, from a wooden tooth-pick to an anvil, may be had at Garrard's. He purchased the premises of his present location, which he occupied in 1872. His stock is complete, and his trade solid and substantial. Mr. Garrard is a native of Harmony Township, Clark Co., Ohio, where he was born June 9, 1839; he is the only child of Joseph and Lucy (Allen) Garrard, the former a son of Jacob Garrard, a native of Pennsylvania, and a pioneer of Clark County. He afterward moved to Madison County, where he died. The maternal grandparent, Elijah Allen, was a native of Virginia, a soldier in the war of 1812, and among the pioneers of Madison County. The parents of our subject moved with the family to this city, where he, Joseph, lived to the close of his life, November 23, 1880. He was a social, genial, warm-hearted, home-loving man, who left a host of friends to mourn his loss. The wife and mother, who survives, is in the sixty-seventh year of her age. Mr. Garrard has been elected Justice of the Peace several terms, and will serve until April, 1883. He was Mayor of this city six years, and is serving the second term on the School Board at the present time, July, 1882, also serving the third year as School Trustee, and is an honored member of the Masonic order. His marriage to Miss Dorcas Cheney, of Jackson Township, Union County, was celebrated in 1859. Three children born to this union are all living, viz., Frank H., Pearl C. and Clyde E.

SAMUEL G. GILCRIST, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, February 1, 1837. He is a son of Thomas C. and Eleanor (Guthrie) Gilcrist, the former a native of Brooke County, W. Va., and the latter of Harrison County, Ohio; his father was born August 1, 1812; his parents, William and Jane (Smith) Gilcrist, were among the earliest settlers of Belmont County; they removed to Greene County about 1840, where they both died. Thomas C. Gilcrist married Ellen Guthrie, who bore him eight children, viz.—Samuel G., the subject of this sketch; William S.; Austin; Adalaide, wife of William A. Hollenback; Elizabeth J., wife of B. F. James; Robert A.; Mary R., wife of Nathan Hollenback, and Thomas F. Mr. and Mrs. Gilcrist resided in Harrison and Greene Counties till 1855, when they located in Mill Creek Township, this county, and the following year removed to Bureau County, Ill., where Mrs. G. died January 14, 1862. Samuel G. our subject, was reared to manhood by his parents, and was educated in the common schools and high schools of Princeton, Ill.; he followed teaching, of winters, for ten years; in 1862 he removed to Marshall County, Ill., and in 1865 returned to Union County and located on the farm that he now occupies. His marriage occured September 9, 1862, with Miss Elizabeth Longbrake, a daughter of Levi Longbrake, one of the wealthiest citizens of Union County. Mrs. Gilcrist was born in Paris Township, September 30, 1844. Four children were the fruits of this union—Franklin M., born April 22, 1865; Levi L., born February 14, 1868; Ellen G., born May 13, 1872, and Samuel S., born August 3, 1878. Mr. Gilcrist owns a productive and well improved farm of 226 acres. He is engaged in the pursuits of agriculture and rearing fine stock, and ranks as one of the successful farmers of the county. He and wife are associated with the Disciples' Church, and are also connected with the Grange, with which Mr. Gilcrist has been prominently identified since its organization. He is now serving the fourth year as Master and has also filled various other offices of that Order. He is a member of the Board of Township Trustees, and in politics is Republican.

MICHAEL GUNDERMAN, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Germany, April 13, 1826; at the age of ten years his parents, George P. and Sophia Gunderman, emigrated to America and settled in Hamilton, Ohio, where they resided till 1840 and removed to Union County. Mr. Gunderman died in Marysville June 15, 1868, and Mrs. G., December, 1876. Michael is the eldest of eight children; he was reared to manhood on a farm and married, January 27, 1857, to Miss Elizabeth B. a daughter of John W. and Elizabeth B. Borger. Mrs. G. was born in Germany, January 10, 1836. Their nine children are as follows: Anna M., wife of John Teargardener, Elizabeth M., Anna M., John G., John K., Anna B., Lydia, John W. and John M. When Mr. G. was sixteen, he started for himself at wages of $3 per month, and now owns 105 acres of fine land. He is by occupation a farmer; for thirty-five years he followed the carpenter trade. Politically he is Democratic; he and family are members of the Lutheran Church.

HON. CORNELIUS S. HAMILTON (deceased). This gentleman, the circumstances of whose tragic death are well-remembered by the citizens of Union County, for many years occupied a very prominent position in his county and State. He was chosen to represent the Eighth Congressional District of Ohio, in the fall of 1866, and at the time of his death, December 22, 1867, was yet a member of the National Legislature. The editor of the Marysville *Tribune* wrote of him as follows:

"'No event has ever occurred in our midst that has cast so deep a gloom over our community as the death of Hon. C. S. Hamilton. He was one of the few men living of whom it might have been said in truth that 'he had no enemy.' He was always foremost in every enterprise designed to build up the interest of Marysville, as well as the entire county. He has left behind him monuments of enterprise that will call up his name for generations to come. He sympathized deeply with every work of charity designed to allay the miseries of others, or to carry on the religious enterprises of the day, and his purse and heart were ever open to all calls made upon him at home and from abroad. It has been truthfully said of him by a cotemporary that he was 'a man of decided convictions and an iron man, and had an impatience amounting to almost intolerance on half-way measures.' No one was ever in doubt as to the position of Mr. Hamilton on any question. He was a radical in every sense of the term, believing firmly in the doctrine that no *truth* could be safely compromised with error; and thus believing, he acted upon the principle of rejecting any compromise which would have the least tendency to thwart any salutary end desired to be secured. This characteristic was backed by a judgment that never failed to inspire confidence in his views and sentiments. He possessed innate powers of mind, and such a clear conception of right as enabled him to grasp everything he desired to accomplish and give it a practical turn, and every opposition manifested to what he considered to be right and proper only tended to develop a force of character which was irresistible. He was no dogmatist, but was always willing to hear the suggestions and opinions of others. He was one of the comparatively few public men whose mind was schooled to travel in the right direction from a high sense of honor. This gave him a strong hold on the affections of the people, which they at different times acknowledged by electing him to responsible positions in the State and Nation. Few men to our knowledge have combined more of good traits and less evil ones than Mr. Hamilton. He was the noblest work of God—'an honest man.' There was not a heart in Union County that was not touched by his untimely death. We are passing through a season of sorrow and gloom such as we have never witnessed. The town and county, as well as the family and friends, are bereaved of one whom to know was to love and respect, and his name and virtues will be cherished for long years to come."

Mr. Hamilton was the first person sent to Congress from Union County. He had been long an honored member of the bar of his county, and, at a meeting of that body shortly subsequent to his death, resolutions of respect were tendered to his memory, and earnest and heartfelt sympathy to his family. In Congress, the news of his death was received as a great shock, while the press of Washington City and other prominent points united in paying tribute to the memory of the good man fallen in the midst of his life-work. Hon. William Lawrence, of Ohio, a fellow-congressman, performed the duty of announcing his death in the House of Representatives, and in the course of his remarks gave the following facts in the history of the deceased:

"Cornelius Springer Hamilton was born January 2, 1821, in the Township and County of Muskingum, in the State of Ohio, where he resided with his parents until they and he removed to Union County early in 1839. His father and paternal grandfather were men of commanding personal presence, fervent piety, and much native force of intellect. An uncle, Rev. Samuel Hamilton, was, in the early part of his life, and perhaps to the age of fifty years, a man of very superior gifts. The mother of the deceased—of the family of the Springers—like her kinsmen, was distinguished by great force of character. She was diffident, quiet, with deep piety, untiring energy, and strong, vigorous intellect. The paternal and maternal ancestors belonged to the class of independent farmers. The father died only a few months since in the seventy-ninth year of his age; and though he raised twelve children, ten sons and two daughters, every one of whom when the youngest reached majority, yet it is said—and truly—that he did not live long enough ever to have heard one of his children swear an oath, to see one chew or smoke tobacco, or to know of one ever having been intoxicated, or even to have taken a dram at a place of public drinking. The energy, industry and pure morality of the parents were inherited by their children, including the deceased. Up to his eighteenth year, he labored assiduously on the paternal farm in Muskingum, with the ordinary advantages of common schools for two or three months each winter during the latter half of this period. After the removal to Union County, for two years he directed and with great energy and determination assisted the labor by which the father's newly-acquired forest of 1,500 acres was in rapid process of being converted into delightful farms. During his twentieth and twenty-first years, he devoted about eighteen months with great industry in improving his education at Granville College. He early gave evidence of superior intellectual power, and during the years of his farm labor he was a daily student of history, biography, or other works. His early but well-read library consisted of Weem's Life of Washington, the Life of Marion, History of Western Adventures, Goodrich's History of the United States, histories of Rome and Greece, and American Biography, to which were added by his uncle, Rev. C. Springer, Johnson's Rambler, Boswell's Life of Johnson, and the Spectator. Upon the removal to the forest home in Union County, a good supply of works of standard poets was added—those of Pollock, Milton, Shakespeare, Pope, Goldsmith, Campbell, Lamb, Kirke White and Rogers, not omitting Burns. Though few, if any, surpassed Mr. Hamilton on that great forest farm in daily labor, yet he was a devoted and industrious student of these great masters. He realized the necessity of great application to develop the mind and store it with abundant knowledge, and he has illustrated the words of a great author of antiquity:

"'Nil sine magno,
Vita labore dedid mortalibus;'"

or, as Wirt has, with some latitude, translated it into his own almost unrivaled eloquence: 'There is no excellence without great labor. It is the fiat of fate from which no power of genius can absolve.'

"The age of twenty-two found this rising man a fine English scholar, with a rare knowledge of the authors I have named, and of that book of books, the Bible, which a father's care and a mother's love had earnestly and always taught him to study, to reverence, and to obey; whose precepts he accepted and through life made a rule of practice and of faith by practice, rather than in professions, or in adherence to any particular and established school of doctrine. Of him it may be truly said, 'he loved virtue for virtue's sake,' and with a firm belief in the truths of Christianity his 'life was in the right.'

"He continued his agricultural pursuits up to about the year 1847. In the meantime, about 1845, he held the office and performed the duties of Land Appraiser and Assessor in his county. In 1850, he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention which, during its sittings in 1850 and 1851, framed the present Constitution of the State of Ohio. He was soon after admitted to the bar and engaged in the practice of the law. About the same time, he became the editor and proprietor of the Marysville *Tribune*, which he conducted with marked ability, contributing much to mold the political and moral sentiment of the community in which he resided. In 1856 and 1857, he represented his district in the Senate of Ohio with a fidelity and an ability which secured for him a high reputation throughout the State. During the first session, he was made chairman of a committee intrusted with the important duty of investigating certain alleged frauds connected with the leasing of the public works of the State. His investigations and researches were prominent topics of discussion by the press and political parties, but the concurrent testimony of all connected with them is that he dared to do what he conceived to be his duty, and no party fealty could induce him to swerve from that, whatever might be the peril to him personally or to the party whose general principles he supported. In the discussions to which this led he wielded a pen the power of which has never, perhaps, been more forcibly felt in any State controversy; but it belongs rather to the history of Ohio than to especial consideration here. When the national internal revenue act of July 1, 1862, was put in operation, he was appointed by President Lincoln Assessor of the Eighth Congressional District of Ohio, and performed the duties of the office with an ability, energy and fidelity which commanded the public approval and the confidence of all in his unsullied integrity. After the Philadelphia Convention of 1866, being opposed to the policy of President Johnson, he was relieved of the position he had so well and so faithfully filled. In August, 1866, he was nominated as a candidate for Congress in the Eighth Ohio District, and in October of that year was elected over his competitor by over 1,800 majority.

"While engaged in his duties here as a member of the present Congress, during the past month, he was notified by his wife that one of their sons was seriously afflicted with indications of insanity. He immediately repaired to his home to find his worst fears realized. On Saturday, December 21, he had made arrangements to remove the insane son to an asylum on the Monday following. On the morning of the next day, the Sabbath, while engaged in feeding his stock, the son, in a fit of frenzy, bereft of reason and unconscious of crime, with a strip of plank struck the fatal blows which, fracturing the skull of his father, produced instant death. This son is described in perhaps the last letter ever written by our departed colleague, thus: 'He has been one of the most quiet, industrious and exemplary boys I ever knew, and my chief reliance for the management of my affairs and the control of my other children in my absence.'

"Thus passed away, in the prime of manhood, by a sad calamity, just as he had entered on an enlarged sphere of usefulness, one among the able and useful men of the Nation, honored and beloved by all who knew him. Few men in Ohio wielded an abler pen, or wielded it from higher convictions of duty, than did Mr. Hamilton. * * * * * When the Thirty-ninth Congress commenced the discussion of the great work of reconstruction, Mr. Hamilton wrote and published a masterly pamphlet in favor of extending suffrage to men in all the late insurgent States, regardless of race or color. It attracted wide attention and produced a deep effect on the public mind, being at the time of its publication in advance of public opinion. * * *

"He has passed from earth to the 'sublimer views of another and a better world which Christianity has unfolded with such inexpressible glory—where this corruptible shall put on incorruption and this mortal shall put on immortality.' Men pass away, but the lofty spirits that conceive, and, from right motives, execute good works here, these cannot perish:

"'These shall resist the empire of decay,
When time is o'er and worlds have passed away;
Cold in the dust the perished heart may lie,
But hat which warmed it once can never die.'

"Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the following resolutions which I send to the Clerk's table:

"*Resolved*, That in the death of Hon. Cornelius S. Hamilton, late Representative in Congress from the Eighth District of Ohio, this House has lost a worthy and useful member, the country a most estimable citizen, and his family, relatives and associates a steadfast and valued friend.

"*Resolved*, That, to give expression to our due appreciation of the talents, attainments and patriotism of the deceased, and to indicate their regret and sorrow for his lamented death, the members of this House will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

"*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House of Representatives, and that a copy thereof be sent by its Clerk to the family of the deceased.

"*Resolved*, That, as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, this House do now adjourn."

The announcement of Mr. Hamilton's death was made to the Senate by Mr. McPherson, Clerk of the House, and the members also adopted similar resolutions to those passed in the House. Mr. Hamilton was married to Miss Louisa Vansant, in Muskingum County, Ohio, and left the wife and six children, three sons and three daughters, to mourn him. He was the fifth in descent from Charles Christopher Springer, the Swede, of Wilmington, Delaware, so favorably referred to by Clay in his Annals of the Swedes, and by Ferris in his Original Settlers on the Delaware.

I. N. HAMILTON, physician, Marysville. Dr. Hamilton is a descendant of a State pioneer family. His father, William Hamilton, was a native of Virginia, from which State he moved to Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1800, being among the first settlers to fell the trees and clear a cabin spot in Springfield Township. He served the county some years as Commissioner, and became widely and popularly known. He was a zealous worker in the cause of Christianity, and devoted many years as a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He grounded the first Methodist organization west of the Alleghanies, at Janesville, Ohio, and farther extended his labors in making long circuits. In 1838, he purchased 1,500 acres of land in Claibourne Township, Union County, upon which he afterward moved and settled with his family. The tract was a dense forest, and he, with his boys, set to work felling timber for a clearing. Large sugar trees yielded a good crop of sugar and molasses, which was followed by the first sown crop of corn, and the work of clearing went on until 500 acres of dense forest had given way to smiling fields, and his acres of woodland rapidly gave place to acres of wheat. On this

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farm he lived and toiled and sorrowed and rejoiced for thirty years, and in the bosom of it his body now rests in peace. He was the original organizer of the Methodist Protestant Church of Richwood, in 1838, and founded similar institutions at Essex, Pharisburg, Scioto and other points. At the time of his death, in 1868, he was in the seventy-eighth year of his age. His first marriage, to Miss Elizabeth Ewing, occurred in Virginia; she died leaving four children. His second wife, Lydia Springer, was a native of Virginia, who died after bearing eight children. The subject of this sketch was the seventh son of William and Lydia (Springer) Hamilton, and was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, June 25, 1828. He was raised on a farm and learned to labor with his hands. He received the common school education of his day, and gave much of his spare time to the study of medicine. He remained on the farm until twenty-two years of age, and in 1852 entered upon a course of study in Starling Medical College. Subsequently, he began the practice of his profession at Amity, Madison Co., Ohio. Two years later, he removed to Unionville, Union County, and in 1862 he returned to the college for graduation. The Doctor became a resident physician of Marysville, in 1868, being in constant practice since that time. He enlisted in 1862, as private in the three months' call of the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was detailed Surgeon of the regiment, in which rank he served the call. He has been Examining Surgeon for pensioners, the past twelve years, served this city in its Council, is a member of the School Board, a tried member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the G. A. R. Also of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Doctor was married in 1850, to Miss Margaret C., a daughter of Michael Cramer, a pioneer of Union County, where she was born. Six children were born to this union, three of whom are living, viz.: Charles S., Frank N. and Michael N. The eldest son, George O., died at the residence of his parents, on Friday, September 1, 1882. He was a member of the Franklin County bar, and after his death a meeting of the bar was held at Columbus, with a full attendance, appropriate speeches were made and a touching memorial prepared. He was born January 11, 1851, and spent two years reading law in the office of Piper & Robinson, at Marysville, after which he attended Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of the State, May 27, 1874, and shortly afterward formed a partnership with Col. M. C. Lawrence, then one of the leading lawyers of Union County. In October, 1877, he went to Columbus as a member of the firm of Hamilton & Henderson, and continued in the practice there until compelled to give it up by reason of failing health. In July, 1878, his health began failing, and for two years thereafter he struggled to maintain his place at the bar, but in vain; and at last was compelled to give it up and return to his home, where he died

COL. JOSEPH G. HAWKINS, deceased, was born in Goshen, Litchfield County, Conn., January 11, 1828. His father, Joseph Hawkins, was a native of that State and a relative of the Grants, the immediate ancestors of Gen. U. S. Grant. His mother, whose maiden mame was Submitt L. French, was also a native of the said State. When Joseph was a mere infant, his father, with his family, consisting of himself, wife and the subject of this sketch, came to Ohio, and settled in Summit County, near the town of Hudson, where he purchased a farm and commenced business as a farmer, dairyman and stock-raiser. The mother of Joseph died when he was about two years of age. His father again married and continued to reside on the farm first purchased by him, until his death, which occurred in August, 1872. Here Joseph lived, attended school and worked on the farm during his early years. His education was chiefly obtained in the common schools, with some time spent at the "Bissel School," near Hudson, finishing with a term or two at Chester Academy, in Geauga County. He continued with his father until May, 1847, when he enlisted at Columbus in the company commanded by Capt. M. C. Lilley, Fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Col. C. H. Brough commanding. The regiment, was ordered to Mexico, going first to Matamoras, and, after a short stay, to Vera Cruz, which was reached on September 18th. From Vera Cruz, with the forces under Gen. Joe Lane, he marched toward the City of Mexico, participating in all the battles fought by Lane's command until reaching Puebla, from which place the regiment turned back, by reason of the expiration of the term of its enlistment, having been in service fourteen months, two more than the term for which it had been originally enlisted. Mr. Hawkins returned to his home, and again engaged in labor on his father's farm, where he continued until November 20, 1849, when he was united in marriage with Miss Isabel Jane Smart, oldest daughter of Col. William Smart, of Delaware County, Ohio, an estimable young lady, with whom he happily lived up to the breaking out of the rebellion. To them were born two children, a son and a daughter; Leroy S., born September 1, 1851, developed into an amiable, sprightly lad and died April 7, 1864. Submitt C., the daughter, is now living, is an intelligent and well-educated young woman, the wife of Mr. Charles Kelsey, of Marysville. The widow and mother of these children resides in Delaware, Ohio, and receives a pension from the Government. Soon after his marriage, Mr. Hawkins settled on a farm, in Summit County, where for about three years he engaged in farming and dairy business.

He moved to Marysville January, 1852, and engaged in the grocery trade; but finding this occupation not congenial to his taste and habits of life, he soon abandoned it, and engaged in various pursuits of a more active nature, being constantly employed in some of the various branches of industry, up to the time of the attack on Fort Sumter. On receiving the intelligence of this act of treason and rebellion against the Government, his patriotic soul became fired with indignation. He forthwith prepared a roll, inscribed his name thereon, and, mainly by his own exertions, raised a company, for the three months' service, under the call of the President for 75,000 men. On the organization of the company, he was unanimously elected Captain, and the organization completed by electing M. C. Lawrence as First Lieutenant, and Isaiah Slocum Second Lieutenant. This being done, Capt. Hawkins went to Columbus, reported to the proper authorities, and his company was accepted for duty, to report at Camp Jackson at the earliest moment practicable. His purpose being made known, the citizens of Marysville resolved the departure should be signalized by appropriate services.

The patriotic ladies of Marysville resolved that they would not be outdone, and decided to present a flag to the company when ready for camp. With commendable zeal and industry they set to work; they readily found material for the red and blue, but nothing suitable for the white was obtainable at the stores. Miss Emily A. Carter, an estimable, patriotic young lady, was the fortunate possessor of a beautiful dress of the desired material, which she generously donated, and in due time the flag was completed. It was arranged that on the morning of April 25, 1861, the company should meet the citizens at the Methodist Episcopal Church, and after appropriate ceremonies, the flag be presented. Accordingly, as designated, the citizens assembled, the company filed in and took seats reserved for them; brief addresses followed, and an appropriate and fervent prayer by Rev. James Smith, at the conclusion of which the company was drawn up in line in front of the church, where the flag was presented, with a most eloquent, stirring and patriotic address, on behalf of the ladies, delivered by Miss Mary Coe, now the wife of Maj. R. R. Henderson, Minneapolis, Minn. Lieut. Slocum received the flag, on behalf of the company, and responded in a feeling manner, and in words fitly chosen. Then came the leave-taking between the soldiers and their families, after which the company fell into line, marched to the depot, and were soon off for Columbus. Reaching the city, it marched to Camp Jackson and was assigned to the Thirteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, then nearly full. On organizing, A. Sanders Pratt was commissioned as Colonel, Columbus B. Mason, Lieutenant Colonel, and Joseph G. Hawkins, Major.

On May 9, the regiment reached Camp Dennison, near Cincinnati, where it was re-organized and enlisted for three years. On re-organization, W. S. Smith, an officer who had served in the regular army, was commissioned as Colonel, Lieut. Col. Mason and Maj. Hawkins retaining their former positions. June 30, the regiment was ordered to West Virginia to re-enforce Gen. McClellan, and accordingly proceeded, by way of the Ohio River, reaching Parkersburg, Va., on the 1st of July, one thousand strong. July 14, the regiment boarded cars on the Parkersburg Branch Railroad for Oakland, Md., and from thence marched to Greenland Gap. On arriving at that place, no enemy being found, the regiment returned, by way of Oakland, to Clarksburg, Va., thence to Sutton, on Elk River, and went into camp on the hills, where it was joined by infantry and artillery, so that the combined force amounted to about five thousand. During the stay here, the Thirteenth was occupied in picket duty and scouting. Early in September, the army under command of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans set out in pursuit of a large force under the rebel Gen. John B. Floyd, and came up with him on the 10th, strongly intrenched at Carnifax Ferry, where a fierce and hotly contested battle was fought, in which the Thirteenth was engaged, occupying the extreme left of the line. In this engagement the Thirteenth, both officers and men, exhibited such coolness and bravery that it won the lasting respect of the commanding General, and thereafter he regarded it with much favor. There, Col. John W. Lowe, of the Twelfth, fell early in the action, and later in the day, Col. William H. Lytle, of the Tenth, was severely wounded. Here also fell the first Union County soldier killed in the service up to this time—Ransom Reed, of Maj. Hawkins' old company. The enemy retreated during the night and their works were taken possession of by the Union troops early next morning, and soon thereafter the Thirteenth took up a position at Gawley Bridge. While here, Maj. Hawkins, on October 25, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, to succeed Lieut. Col. C. B. Mason, resigned.

The Thirteenth now formed a part of Benham's brigade, and with it, on November 6, crossed the Kanawha River, and camped at Loup Creek, where McMullen's battery joined the brigade, and on November 12 the whole force set out in pursuit of Floyd, then in command of the entire rebel army operating in West Virginia. On this march, Col. Hawkins, with his regiment, led the advance, and came up with the rear of the rebel army in full retreat, at or near Cotton Hill. Col. Hawkins deployed skirmishers, while he steadily advanced, delivering a well directed fire into the rebel ranks at short range. The skirmishers, in the mean time, were hotly engaged, one of whom shot and mortally wounded Col. Croghan, in command of the rebel rear. Col. Hawkins soon came up, and assisted in conveying the wounded and dying officer into a house near by, and proffered medical aid, to which the Confederate Colonel replied: "*Sir, you can do nothing for me.*" At this time Gen. Benham came up, and recognizing in the dying man a once dear friend and class-mate at West Point, with a voice tremulous with emotion exclaimed: "My God! Croghan, is this you?" The recognition was mutual, and was afterward described by Col. Hawkins to the writer as the most affecting scene he had ever witnessed, which soon ended in death—Col. Croghen expiring within thirty minutes.

The rebels immediately fled on the fall of Croghan, were followed by the Union troops as far as Fayetteville, through which Floyd passed and kept up his flight until he reached Louisburg. Fayetteville was found deserted, and the pursuing forces halted and occupied the houses of the place during their stay there. The Union forces turned back from this place, and having driven the entire rebel forces from West Virginia, were ordered to Jeffersonville, Ind., near Louisville, Ky., to which point they were conveyed by way of the Ohio River on transports, the Thirteenth going into camp immediately opposite the latter place. As the army removed from West Virginia, Col. Hawkins obtained leave of absence and visited his family at his home in Marysville, it being his first since going into West Virginia, and proved to be the last as well. He remained a few weeks, mingling in friendly intercourse with his old friends and fellow-citizens, and during the time united with the Presbyterian Church of Marysville, and remained true to its teachings and precepts to the end of life. On December 11, his regiment received orders to join Gen. Buell, then about to march southward in pursuit of Bragg. Col. Hawkins hastened to join his regiment, and came up with it on the march, below Louisville; marched with it, first to Elizabethtown, thence to Bacon Creek, where a few days were spent in a thorough and rigid drill in order to better prepare the men for the bloody conflict anticipated in the near future. February 10, 1862, he received orders to march on Bowling Green, a strongly fortified place occupied by a large rebel force under Gen. John C. Breckenridge. He immediately pushed forward with his command and entered the place on the 15th, it having been evacuated on the approach of the Union forces. On the 22d, he was ordered, with his regiment, to proceed by cars on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, and head the advance of Buell's army, then moving against Nashville, which place was reached on the 26th; crossed the Cumberland and camped about two miles beyond on the Murfreesboro pike. About this time, Col. Hawkins assumed the command of the regiment, in the absence of Col. Smith, who was then, or soon thereafter, promoted to Brigadier General. March 1, he was ordered, with the Seventeenth Brigade, to which his regiment was then attached, to proceed to Lavergne, to aid a detachment of Federal troops that had been attacked by the rebels. The enemy retreated on the approach of re-enforcements, and the regiment returned to camp. March 10, Col. Hawkins was ordered to report with his regiment to Gen. Crittenden, and April 2, with that division, joined the forces under Gen. Buell, then marching to re-enforce Grant at Pittsburg Landing. On this march the troops suffered many hardships. It was excessively fatiguing, yet borne with fortitude and cheerfulness by all.

On the evening of April 5, the column under Buell was forty miles from Pittsburg Landing. Marching was resumed early on the morning of the 6th, and, as soon as the sound of the battle was heard, the speed of the column was accelerated, and Savannah was reached some time in the afternoon, which is about ten miles from the scene of the conflict. From Savannah, Nelson's Division took the advance, closely followed by Crittenden's Division. On reaching Pittsburg Landing, the division under Crittenden was formed in line of battle on the right of Nelson's command, where it remained during the entire night, without food or shelter, officers and men lying on their arms, and resting on the damp ground. To add to their discomfort, a cold, drizzling rain set in, that continued through a part of the night. About 8 o'clock, on the morning of April 7, the order was given to advance. Col. Hawkins, with his regiment, soon became hotly engaged with a heavy force of rebels, supported by the famous Washington Battery of New Orleans. He ordered a charge, and led it against this battery in a hand-to-hand struggle, and the battery was taken. Col. Hawkins sprang from his horse, and finding it impossible to take the guns off the field, the horses attached being killed, he spiked one of the guns, and then with soft mud so completely filled and stopped up the others, that the entire battery was rendered useless for a long time thereafter, in consequence of the mud being hardened like bricks in solidity, by the intense heat of the guns. Soon after the capture of this battery the enemy retreated, and the battle of "Shiloh" was fought and won. The Thirteenth Regiment lost heavily in this engagement, in killed, wounded and missing. Of the officers, Maj. Ben. P. Runkle and Capt. R. R. Henderson were severely wounded, and Capt. Isaac R. Gardner soon after died from the effects of wounds received. Silas Kimball and Felix Field, two brave soldiers from Union County, members of Hawkins' old company, were killed and buried on the field.

Soon after this, Col. Hawkins was promoted to Colonel, his commission dating April 7, 1862, the day on which he was engaged in the battle of Pittsburg Landing. He next led his command on Corinth, which place was evacuated by the enemy on May 31. He then joined Buell in his advance on Chattanooga, crossed the Tuscumbia River on June 5, crossed the Tennessee to Florence, Ala., and proceeded to Shallow Creek, and from thence to Huntsville, reaching the latter place on July 1, after a fatiguing march, in which both officers and men endured great hardships from dust, exposure to a broiling Southern sun, and nearly famishing from thirst. After this, the regiment was engaged for a short time on detached duty, guarding the Chattanooga Railroad, and on the 16th joined the division at Stephenson, Ala., and went into camp at Battle Creek, where it remained until August 20. On the above mentioned date the regiment was ordered to advance in pursuit of Bragg, who had left Chattanooga and was well on his way toward Louisville. Such was the celerity of movement, that Louisville was reached in advance of the rebel forces, the Union troops having passed Bragg's army on a parallel road, reaching the city September 26. On this march the soldiers endured suffering, fatigue and privations scarcely equaled in the history of human endurance, all of which was borne without a murmur, and was shared equally by officers as well as privates.

After a much needed rest, again pushed forward, on October 1, in pursuit of Bragg. On the 8th, McCook and Rosseau came up with him near Perryville, Boyle County, Ky. A severe and bloody engagement ensued.

Col. Hawkins with his regiment in Crittenden's Division, forming the right thereof, pursued the retreating rebels, under Bragg, from Perryville, through the valley of Rock Castle River; November 8, reached Glasgow, having accomplished the distance by forced marches in twelve days. On reaching Nashville, the Thirteenth encamped and rested for a brief time from its late fatiguing march. Gen. William S. Rosecrans, a brave and accomplished officer, having on October 30, 1862, been assigned to the command of the Army of the Ohio, to succeed Buell, joined the forces near Nashville prior to the arrival of the Thirteenth. December 2, reviewed the Fifth Division of which the Thirteenth formed a part.

Gen. Rosecrans recognized the Thirteenth as a part of his command of the preceding year; paid it a high compliment for its soldierly appearance, at the same time reminding the officers and men that he bore some very pleasing remembrances of the "Old Thirteenth," as he was pleased to call it, while serving under him in West Virginia.

On the morning of December 26, the Thirteenth, with Crittenden's Division on the left, Thomas the center, and McCook the right, made the grand advance. The Thirteenth, being in the advance of the division, met and defeated Wheeler's Cavalry, after a severe fight. Two of this regiment were killed, several wounded, and Lieut. Bates, of Company B, taken prisoner. The enemy was forced back, and Lavergne was reached on the morning of the 27th, on which day that town was evacuated by the enemy. The 28th, being Sunday, was observed as a day of rest by the entire army, by order of Gen. Rosecrans. On the 29th the march was resumed, the whole line advancing toward Stone River, which was reached on the evening of the same day, except the column under McCook, which, by reason of resistance from the enemy, did not get in until near noon of the next day, the 30th. On reaching Stone River, Col. Hawkins was ordered with his regiment on outpost duty, and was thus engaged up to the morning of the 31st, when he was called in, and ordered to take up position in line with the brigade to which the Thirteenth was attached, being the Fourteenth, and constituted the Second Brigade of the Fifth Division. On coming into line, the regiment was ordered, with the division, to cross Stone River and attack the enemy, but had scarcely commenced the advance, when the order was countermanded. The right, under McCook, having been driven in the center, was considered in danger. Col. Hawkins immediately countermarched his regiment, and proceeded on the double quick back to the Murfreesboro pike, where he assisted in rescuing a train that had been attacked by the enemy's cavalry. Soon after rescuing the train, Col. Hawkins received orders to form on the right of his brigade, which brought him on the extreme right, also, of the Second Brigade. The line being formed, it was ordered by Gen. Van Cleve to advance down a slope thickly covered with cedars, cross an open field, and attack the enemy posted in the wood beyond. Col. Hawkins having reconnoitered the position of the enemy, and knowing its strength, as it was concealed in the wood, which was little more than a dense thicket of cedars, swarming with rebels, informed Van Cleve that the enemy was too strong for the force he was ordering to attack it, and further informed him that the enemy's line was so posted that by the time the attacking force should reach within musket range of the enemy, it would be outflanked and exposed to an enfilading fire. Gen Van Cleve retorted in language discourteous and offensive, implying a doubt of the Colonel's courage, to which Col. Hawkins replied in courteous, yet feeling language—"Gen. Van Cleve, I am not a coward. I have not spoken for myself, but out of regard for my men. I will go in if it takes my life; but I do dislike to see my men slaughtered, without accomplishing any good result." He then turned, placed himself at the head of his regiment, and gave the order to advance, which he led down the slope.

In passing through the cedar thicket on the ridge at the top of the slope, his line became broken and slightly disordered, but on emerging from it the well-known voice of its leader brought it into line, when it advanced steadily across the open field, in the face of a terrible fire from the enemy tearing through its ranks. The Fifty-ninth Ohio and Forty-fourth Indiana led the advance, but were soon driven back. The second line, composed of the Thirteenth Ohio and Eighty-sixth Indiana, opened a well-directed fire into the enemy that for a time held it in check, advanced, and took shelter behind a rail-fence, on reaching which the Thirteenth was ordered by Col. Hawkins to lie down. Col. Hawkins alone remained standing, observing the movements of the enemy. His men besought him to follow their example by lying down, but, regardless of self and solicitous regarding their safety, he replied: "I am but one man." The response came from many voices: "You are everything to us." While standing thus, and seeing that he was being outflanked, and in the act of giving an order to his men, he fell dead on the field, pierced by two balls, one entering and passing through his body just above the hips, the other passing into his neck near the base of his brain, killing him instantly. With him fell many others of his command. Maj. Dwight Jarvis now assumed command, continued to fight until nearly surrounded, when he fell back with the remnant of the regiment, leaving the body of its beloved Colonel on the field in the hands of the enemy, where it remained until some time on the following Sunday, when it was recovered and sent home to his sorrowing and stricken family. Col. Hawkins seemed to have a presentiment, in the morning, when ordered into the battle, that he would not come out alive, and when receiving the order to cross Stone River, he gave his horse into the care of his colored servant, saying to him: "It's too rough for a horse, and if you never see me again take good care of him." This horse had borne him through all his term of service, enduring with him hunger, thirst and fatigue, and to it he felt strongly attached. His wishes in this regard were carried out by his faithful servant, and the horse was sent home to the Colonel's widow.

In the death of Col. Hawkins, his regiment lost a cool, brave and kind commander. He was beloved by them in life, and his memory will be cherished in their hearts so long as one of that noble band survives. The Nation lost one of its noble and loyal defenders, who laid down his life in its defense, heroically contending for the country and cause he loved. The community in which he lived mourned the loss of an honored citizen who had proved faithful to every trust reposed in him, while his wife and children were bereft of a kind and affectionate husband and loving father, to whom the loss was irreparable. His remains were transferred to his home, and after appropriate and impressive services, with the honors of war, he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Marysville, where a beautiful monument has been erected to his memory, mainly through the contributions of his fellow-officers and soldiers of the "Old Thirteenth."

The writer has given more of a detailed history of the movements and services performed by the Thirteenth Regiment than perhaps is generally allowable in a biographical sketch of one of its officers. This has been done for several reasons, among which may be enumerated the following: First, Col. Hawkins was with this brave and gallant regiment in all the dangers, fatiguing marches, sufferings and exposure through which it passed, sharing in all up to the time he gallantly fell at its head; and secondly, being inseparably connected with it, a history of the same is his true biography, and its gallant deeds, noble and honorable record, his highest and best eulogy.

D. W. HENDERSON, physician, Marysville. The records of this family show them to be of ancient Scotch and Irish origin. The family were allied to the famous house of Stuarts, Caldewood Durham, J. W. Clair Lang, and other distinguished families. It has always been influential, and essentially military; no Scotch family having furnished more gallant soldiers to the British army or navy, or the East India service. The principal house is now only represented in the person of George W. Mercer Henderson, Esq., a son of Douglass Mercer, who assumed the name, and a Lieutenant General and Colonel of the Sixty-eight British foot, by royal license. Alexander Henderson, with William and John, who were sons of Hugh, in the County of Fife, were the first of the van who came to the colonies about the middle of the seventeenth century. The brothers located in the boundaries of Maryland and Virginia, and raised families, but were lost sight of in the permanent settlement of the country. David W. Henderson is a son of John and Annie (Jack) Henderson, who were among the pioneers of Union County, Ohio, in 1837. Her father, Col. James Jack, was one of the original settlers of Pennsylvania, and an officer in the Revolutionary war. The subject of this sketch was born in Indiana County, Penn., October 4, 1823. He was fitted for college at the Marysville Academy, and entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, remaining until near the close of the Freshman year, when in May, 1847, he volunteered his services to the United States in the Mexican war, from which he returned in July, 1848. He at once began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. R. Hills, of Delaware, Ohio, completing his studies at the Starling Medical College, from which he graduated in February, 1852. The following spring he selected a home in Marysville, where he has since followed a constant and successful practice. He has performed some of the major operations both in surgery and obstetrics, and is a member of the Ohio State Medical Society. He was commissioned Surgeon of the Ninety-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteers at its organization, and remained on duty in the field until April, 1863, when his ill health compelled him to resign, and he returned to his practice. He is one of the oldest practitioners of the medical profession, in the county, and has accumulated a handsome property through the years of incessant toil, and contributed largely to the promotion of public interests, while laboring for the relief of suffering humanity. As a citizen, a man and a physician, he enjoys the esteem and confidence of all who know him. Dr. Henderson is one of the Directors of the Marysville Library and Literary Association, a member of the Board of Education and Board of Health, and ex-President of the ex-Soldiers and ex-Sailors Association of Union County. His marriage to Miss Anna Hathaway, of this county, occurred December 29, 1857. Two sons born to this union are both living.

R. M. HENDERSON, Cashier Marysville Bank, Marysville, is a son of Thomas and Ethalinda (Magee) Henderson, natives of Washington County, Penn., who settled in Dover Township in 1840, where he resided until the close of his life in 1873. He was a substantial farmer and a reliable man, and esteemed by all who knew him. The widow is yet a resident of the homestead, and is the mother of ten children by this marriage, nine of whom are living. The subject of this sketch was born in Brooke County, W. Va., April 14, 1840. He spent the early years of his life on the farm, and in 1861 became engaged as agent for the C., C., C. R. R. at that time the Springfield, Mt. Vernon & Pittsburgh R. R. This position he abandoned in 1865, and, locating in this city, formed an association with O. M. Scott in the sale of agricultural implements and sewing machines, and represented several companies in the insurance business. This firm dissolved in the fall of 1869, at which time he entered upon the duties of his present position in the Marysville Bank, where he has since been constantly engaged. Mr. Henderson was married September 11, 1863, to Miss Sarah A., daughter of Dr. M. W. Peck, a native of Connecticut. Three children born to this issue are all living, viz: Eddie L., Myrta and Willie.

JOHN HOBENSACK, County Sheriff, Marysville. Sheriff Hobensack inherits the blood of the German, who with his progenitors, bequeathed to posterity the valor of the illustrious name.

> "Our Ancestry, a gallant race,
> Patterns of every virtue, every grace."

The grandparents of John and Hannah Hobensack, with the maternal connections, John and Rachael Fetter, emigrated to the American shore in 1773, and founded homes in the wilderness of the Keystone State, where they lived, sorrowed, rejoiced and died. Their rude cabins have long since given place to the commodious residences of their children, and the advance of civilization has embraced their settlement in the populous Montgomery County. They were patriots of the Revolutionary war, and both were officers through that struggle. The paternal head subsequently erected a large distillery, where he carried on an extensive business to the close of his life. Isaac and Emily (Fetter) Hobensack, the parents of our subject, were both natives of Montgomery County, Penn. They subsequently moved to Bucks County, Penn., where she died in 1875. He was a farmer by occupation, but at this time is living in retirement at his home. The subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears in this work, was born in Bucks County, Penn., September 16, 1833. He was reared on the homestead, and on August 5, 1862, joined the legions of the Union army as a private in Company F, First New Jersey Cavalry. He was subsequently commissioned Second Lieutenant, and received rapid promotion to First Lieutenant and Captain of the company. For meritorius conduct on the field, he was brevetted Major, Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel of the regiment, and gave a gallant record to this arm of the service, participating in all the hard-fought battles of the Army of the Potomac. He was wounded at Cedar Mountain, Va., August 9, 1862, and carried off the field. During action at Brandy Station, Va., and while in command of the Second Battalion, he, with eighty-seven of his men, were taken prisoners. He was stripped of his boots and hat, and taken to Centerville, Va., in the midst of the rebel army. During the first night of confinement, he with several others, escaped to the Union lines. He was again wounded at New Hope Church, Ga., but continued in active service to the close of the war. In 1866, he occupied a farm in the north of Union County, Ohio, where he resided until his election as Sheriff in October, 1880, at which time he took up his residence in Marysville, and assumed the duties of his office. His abilities and integrity as an officer needs no comment. His record during the first term gave him hosts of friends, and at the convention held in September, 1882, he was re-nominated by acclamation, and is now serving the second term. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, I. O. O. F. and Senior Grand Commander G. A. R. He was married in his native county in 1854, to Miss Margaret Krewson, a native of Bucks County, Penn., who died in 1860, leaving one son, Isaac K His second marriage to Miss Emma E. Mayberry, of Bucks County, occurred in 1865. Nine children born to this union are all living, viz.: Henry H., Annetta, John W., Lincoln C., Lawrence, Carrie V., Maggie H., Ola H. and Elsie. The family are connected with the Baptist Church.

ABRAHAM HORNBECK, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, December 17, 1833. He is a son of George and Lucy (Michelfish) Hornbeck, the former a native of Mason County, Ky., was born May 6, 1795, and the latter of Virginia, was born November 21, 1805. They were married in Pickaway County in 1820, and in 1839 with six children removed to this county and located on the farm now owned and occupied by Abraham Hornbeck. They resided there until 1870 and removed to Shelby County, Ill., where Mr. Hornbeck died March 7, 1874. Mrs. Hornbock returned and has since lived with Abraham. He was brought up to manhood on his father's farm. When twenty years of age he went to do for himself, and followed working by the month till he was married, November 2, 1861. Mrs. Hornbeck *nee* Eliza Dines, was a daughter of James C. and Providence Dines, natives of Kentucky. The former, Mr. Dines was born August 4, 1796, and Mrs. Dines was born November 9, 1800. They were the parents of seven children, of whom three are living. Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeck have had three children. Mrs. Hornbeck had six children by her former husband, James C. McCrary. Of these one is living. His name is James C.; he was born November 4, 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeck are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Hornbeck is a Republican. He owns a farm of 237 acres.

S. L. IRWIN, harness and saddlery, Marysville. Mr. Irwin is a descendant of a pioneer family, and was born in Marysville in 1849. He is a grandson of John Irwin, who pioneered his march of settlement to this county in 1830. His father, Samuel K., was a native of Union County, and by trade a cabinet-maker, but in early life became engaged in teaching school at various places, and was among the first tutors of the early times. His wife, Elmina Tucker, was a native of Vermont, by whom he had five children. The living are Corydon S., Elmina L., wife of A. W. Allen, of Plain City, Madison County, and S. L. Cyprian L., third son, was a soldier in the ranks of the Union army, who was missed and is supposed to have been killed at the battle of Shiloh, April 7, 1862. The parents have joined the absent children in that better home, while that which remains is interred in the cemetery of this county. The subject of this sketch was born at Marysville, January 7, 1849, and enlisted in 1864, in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio National Guards, and served in garrison duty south of Washington, D. C., until the close of the war. He succeeded W. S. Smith in the harness and saddlery business in 1874, and at this time carries a stock of from $2,000 to $3,000, being the most complete line of its kind in the city. At the time of his purchase it was a small business and stock, but Mr. I. has, by due application to business, cultivated a permanent and established trade. His marriage to Miss Flora A. Winget, a native of this county, and a daughter of T. M. Winget, a respected pioneer of this city, took place in 1873. Mr. Irwin is a member of the Masonic order, and is connected with the Presbyterian Church of this city.

GEORGE JORDAN, Recorder, Marysville, is the youngest son of William Jordan, a native of Scotland, who embarked to the United States when twenty years of age. He was married in Belmont County, in 1832, to Miss Nancy Westlake, a Virginian. The same year he moved and settled in this county, where he passed the remainder of his life. The widow and mother resides with our subject, and is in the eightieth year of her age. They raised a family of nine children, eight of whom are living. He, William, was a mason by trade, but purchased a farm, which the boys worked while he labored at his avocation. The subject of this sketch enlisted in 1862, in Company C, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the ranks until wounded on the field of Chickamauga, September 20, 1863. He received an ugly wound on the left arm, shattering that member, and rendering it almost useless. He was placed in a Government wagon, where he lay three days crossing the Cumberland Mountains to Bridgeport. Thence he was conveyed by cars to Nashville, where his arm was operated upon. He had the care of a board of physicians, who experimented on the shattered arm, and it was decided he must suffer amputation ; but the physician in charge gave the one single chance to save that useful member, and although he did not recover its use, 'tis left to mark a page in his life's history, and the service he freely gave his country and its flag. In consequence, he was honorably discharged, and upon recovery he bent his energies in attaining an education in the schools of this city, and attended Mercantile College, at Columbus, taking a course of telegraphing and penmanship. In 1872, he embarked in the mercantile trade at Pottersburg, and four years later returned to the home farm, where he was engaged until his election to the office of County Recorder in 1882, where he is at this time engaged. He has a farm of seventy acres in Allen Township, and a residence in this city. He was married in the fall of 1865 to Miss Nancy, daughter of Abraham Holycross, a native of Allen Township. Their children are Delmer N., Samuel N., Frank A. and William F. Mr. Jordan served as Clerk and Director in Allen Township, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Grand Army of the Republic. Politically, he is a thorough Republican.

ASHLEY KIGHTLINGER, contractor, Marysville. This family is of German extraction, the pilgrims of whom settled in Pennsylvania, where the parents, Abraham and Nancy, were born. They were among the pioneers of 1812 to Morrow County, Ohio, traveling from Pennsylvania with ox teams They raised a family of six boys and six girls, eleven of whom are living. Five of the boys were soldiers in the three years' service of the Union army in the late rebellion, one of them enlisting the third time. Some of the children subsequently settled in Tazewell County, Ill., where the father died in the seventy-third year of his age. The subject of this sketch was born in Morrow County, Ohio, in 1835. Left an orphan when young, he had the rugged edge of life to fight, and without means he started out, finding employment in Indiana, and by strict economy and perseverance he was enabled to save enough to purchase thirty-five acres of land in Paris Township, paying $25 per acre for the same. This was the stepping-stone to his further success, which has been earned by hard labor and honest toil. In 1879, he moved to this city, and settled on his commodious place of fourteen acres, where he has since been engaged in teaming and contracting. He enlisted in the ranks of the Union army August 9, 1862, in Company K, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bluff, Miss., December 29, 1862; Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863; Mobile, Ala., December 22, 1864; Sabine Cross Roads, La., April 8, 1864; Fort Gaines, Ala., August 2 to 23, 1864; Fort Morgan, Ala., August 5 to 23, 1864, and others. He was wounded at Vicksburg with a piece of shell, but lost no time in consequence. The marriage of Mr. K to Miss Amanda, daughter of Benjamin C. and Cynthia A. Grubb, occurred in October, 1858. Willie E. is the only living issue of this union. Mr. K. is a member of both branches of the I. O. O. F. order, of the G. A. R., and connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

M. C. LAWRENCE (deceased). Col. M. C. Lawrence was born in Marysville, Union Co., Ohio, April 20, 1832. His parents, William C. and Rosana (Piper) Lawrence, were both natives of Pennsylvania, and among the early pioneers of Delaware and Union Counties; the former was a graduate of Washington College, Pennsylvania, and a practicing attorney of this city until his death. The subject of this sketch acquired his education in the schools of this city, and began the study of law in the office of Judge Cole; he was admitted to the bar in 1858, and forming a partnership with his preceptor, began the practice of his chosen profession. He was one of the best-read lawyers in this district, and his opinions on questions of law were highly valued.

His honor and integrity were without reproach, and he was a successful practitioner. At the breaking-out of the rebellion, he was among the first to respond to the call for troops. He joined the ranks of the Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry in April, 1861, and was commissioned First Lieutenant Company F, in which rank he was discharged at the expiration of service, August 25, 1861. Resuming practice until August 8, 1862, he enlisted as Second Lieutenant for the purpose of recruiting, and was commissioned Captain of Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which rank he joined the forces of Gen. Buell in his pursuit of Bragg. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Ky., October 6 to 8, 1862; Chickamauga, Ga., September 19 to 23, 1863; Lookout Mountain, Tenn., November 24, 1863; Mission Ridge, Mo., February 3, 1863; Resaca, Ga., Kenesaw Mountain, Ga., June to July, 1864; the Atlanta campaign, Buzzard's Roost, Ga., February 25, 1864, and most of the hard-fought battles in which that regiment was engaged; as an officer, he was the most efficient, and as a soldier one of the bravest and coolest that ever met the rattle of musketry or the glittering bayonets of the foe; he was in command of his regiment, as a Captain, on the field of Chickamauga, where he displayed valor, intrepidity and fearless bravery, attaining laurels which live imperishable to his name. For meritorious service, he was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment November 10, 1863, in which rank he was compelled to resign, by reason of failing health, October 2, 1864, and returned to his home. In 1865, he was chosen and elected a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, and was re-elected to the same position in 1867, serving both terms with great satisfaction to his constituents. In 1873, he represented this district in the Ohio State Senate. He died December 15, 1881. He was a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife, Mrs. Celinda F. Lawrence, who survives, is a daughter of James and Angela Turner, who were pioneers of Union County in 1834, both deceased. Col. Lawrence was, in many public matters, prominently identified with the county. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence; all are living—Anna J., William O. and Marcenas T.

ADISON LEE, farmer, P. O. Marysville, a native of Hampshire County, Va., was born May 20, 1819. His father, Thomas Lee, was born in Old Virginia; he served eighteen months in the war of 1812. Adison's mother, Anna Good, was a native of West Virginia; her father was a Revolutionary patriot, and died subsequently in Virginia. Adison's parents migrated to Ohio in 1833 and settled in Clark County, where they resided one year, then removed to Leesburg, Union Township, where Mr. Lee died in March, 1865. Our subject was reared on a farm, and occupied the old homestead till 1865, when he removed to his present location. February 17, 1843, he was united in marriage with Mary A. Belville, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Belville, and a native of Belmont County. Mrs. Lee was born June 17, 1818; nine children were born to this union; of these six are living—Joseph T.; William S.; John M.; Henry R.; Louisa J., wife of Columbus Hildreth; and Melissa A., wife of Samuel Myers; Anna, Sarah and Samuel are deceased. Mr. Lee owns a good farm of 241 acres, and is engaged in its pursuits in connection with rearing stock. He started out in life a common laborer, and by industry has made for himself valuable property. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, in which he has acted as Clerk for thirty years; his political associations are with the Democratic party.

TEMPLETON LIGGETT, furniture manufacturer, Marysville, one of the city's oldest and most respected citizens, was born in Warren County, Ohio, December 6, 1818, and is a son of John and Mary (McCormick) Liggett, natives of Rockbridge County, Va., who were among the early pioneers of Xenia, Greene Co., Ohio, where they both died. The subject of this sketch came to this county in 1849; he became engaged in the lumber trade and erected the first steam saw-mill in Union County, below California, in Jerome Township. Here he was engaged for ten years, and removed to the Ohio White Sulphur Springs. Returning in 1874, he opened a steam saw-mill in this city, and in the summer of 1882 moved to his present quarters, and is engaged in the manufacture of furniture, turning and job-work, his being the only turning shop in the city. He served as Justice of the Peace three years, and is widely known as Squire Liggett. His marriage to Miss Rebecca, daughter of Alex Patterson, occurred December 31, 1849. She was a native of Logan County, Ohio, born August 26, 1828. Four children born to this union are all living, viz., Laurila A., Celina, William K., who is connected with his father in business, and Mattie. The parents and one of the children are members of the Congregational Church.

W. M. LIGGETT, County Treasurer, Marysville. The family of Liggetts were among the hardy pioneers of Warren County, Ohio, where John, the father of our subject, was born. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Lamme, was a native of Greene County, Ohio. The parents joined in the early settlement of Jerome Township, Union County, where the subject of this sketch was born November 4, 1846. He was reared on the homestead farm, and, receiving a common school education, passed a course of studies in the University at Urbana, Ohio. He gave his service to his country's flag and joined the boys in blue February 29, 1864, in Company K, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the fortunes of that regiment until after the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Cane River, La., April 24, 1864; Pleasant Hill, La., April 9, 1864; Fort Gaines, Ala., August 2 to 8, 1864; Fort Morgan, Ala., August 8 to 23, 1864; Fort Spanish, and all other battles in which the regiment was engaged. In July, 1865, he was transferred, by order of the War Department, to the Seventy-seventh Ohio Volun-

J. K. Dodge

teer Infantry, from which he was discharged as Sergeant at Brownsville, Tex. He [illegible] mustered out of service at Columbus, Ohio, March 26, 1866. Returning to peaceful pursuits, he became associated with C. L. Robinson in the livery business. In the spring of 1873, he disposed of his interest to accept a call as Assistant Cashier of the Marysville Bank, which position he occupied until called upon to perform the duties of County Treasurer in September, 1880. He was re-elected in 1882, and in this official trust has rendered faithful and efficient service to his constituents. Mr. Liggett is Colonel of the Fourteenth Ohio National Guards, and Adjutant of the Post G. A. R. He was married July 3, 1876, to Miss Matilda R., daughter of ex-Probate Judge Brown, of this city, where she was born. Two children, Madaline and Robert, are the issue of this union, both living.

DANIEL LONGBREAK, farmer, P. O. Marysville. Mr. Longbreak was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, March 5, 1811, and is a son of George and Susannah (Catrow) Longbreak, both natives of Virginia. The subject of this sketch was raised on the homestead farm, and was married in 1837 to Miss Melinda, a daughter of Judah Dodge, and a native of this county. To this union five children were born, four of whom are living, viz., Junie, wife of Adam Weaver, of Franklin County, Kan.; Will H.; Susannah, wife of J. A. Jewell, of Franklin County, Kan., and John M. Mr. Longbreak had but a limited education, but was taught to labor with his hands, and by perseverance and close application to his business, could easily rest from the reward of his toil. He occupies a neat residence in this city, with four acres of land, and in Paris Township has a well improved farm of 292 acres. He is a stanch and reliable citizen, a good neighbor and a lover of home.

LEVI LONGBREAK, farmer, P. O. Marysville. This patriarch, whose living features may be found in the pages of this volume, has stood the storms of threescore years and ten. His parents, George and Susannah (Catrow) Longbreak, were both natives of Virginia, who pioneered their march of settlement to Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1806. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, a farmer by occupation, and resided in his new home until 1813, when he founded a permanent settlement in Clark County, Ohio. His death occurred four years later in 1817. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are living, as follows: Nancy, wife of J. K. Ritchey, of this city; Sarah, widow of Chester Farnham (deceased); Daniel and Levi. The widow and mother, with her children, moved, and occupied a farm in Dover Township, Union County, Ohio, in 1830, where she lived to the close of her life in October, 1856. The subject of this sketch is the youngest living son, and was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, in November, 1812. He was reared on a farm, and learned to labor with his hands. This occupation he has followed through life, and the elements of his success are found in his industry and economy. His possessions of landed property in Dover Township will cover 260 acres, in addition to 428 acres of well-cultivated land in Paris Township. He settled on his present estate in this city in 1869, at that time consisting of eighty-nine acres in the corporation limits. A small fraction of this land has been divided into, and sold as, building lots, upon which have been erected comfortable and commodious dwellings, adding to the beauty and growth of the city. He is one of the founders and directors of the Union County Infirmary, and of the Farmers' Bank, and has always taken an active part in all public and private improvements. His marriage to Miss Annis, daughter of Judah Dodge, of this county, occurred in 1839. Of the nine children born to this union, but four are living, viz., Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Gilchrist; Levi L., who married a daughter of Dr. Stoddard, of Wooster, Ohio, and is a prominent lawyer of Minneapolis, Minn.; Sarah, and Clarissa, wife of John Castle, of Philadelphia, Penn.

GEORGE LOVELL, boot and shoe dealer, Marysville. George Lovell, one of our oldest and respected business men, was born in County Northampton, England, June 7, 1829, and migrated to the United States in 1855. He located for one year at West Jefferson, Madison County, when he removed to this city, and in the fall of 1856, established himself in business on Main street. He has occupied various points for business in the city, and in 1864 he admitted Thomas Martin as a partner. This firm carried on a successful trade for ten years, and was dissolved in 1874, Martin retiring. In 1876, Mr. Lovell occupied his present location, where he enjoys a large custom trade and a liberal patronage in the sale of manufactured goods. He was married, in 1861, to Miss Rosanah Martin, a native of Ireland. This union has been blest with three children, two of whom are living, viz.: Thomas, who is associated with his father in the store, and Mary. The family are members of the Catholic Church.

WILLIAM C. MALIN, harness-maker, Marysville. This family springs from Virginia stock, but the original name (Melon) seems to have undergone a slight change. William Melon, the grandfather, was a pioneer to Champaign County, Ohio, in 1800. He was an auctioneer, but cleared a farm and lived and died there. Malin Melon, his son, and the father of our subject, was a native of Greenbrier County, Va. He was married, in 1816, to Miss Mary Thornton, and with the family occupied the unbroken lands of Urbana Township. He lived to enjoy the blessings of this union but a short period, dying at Walnut Hills when our subject was but six months old. William C. Malin was born in Urbana Township, Champaign Co., Ohio, April 7, 1817. When fourteen years of age, he began an apprenticeship to the harness-making trade with John Hamilton, of his native place. With him he served seven years, after which he worked in various places until he came to Marysville March 19, 1840. Here he soon became established in business, and is to-day one of the oldest business men of the city. He survived several partnership relations, and was connected with the firm of Sellers & Morelock, in the old tannery, at that time near the *Tribune* building. He was in the mercantile trade about one year, and has sustained a reputation as an auctioneer for thirty years. He served the city as Constable, and was Deputy Sheriff under William M. Robinson some years. He was elected Sheriff of the county, in 1850, and served two terms. His selection as an officer at the annual county fair has won him a noted reputation. Every year the thousands that visit the fair find the genial face of William Malin to accept their tickets. Since its organization he has lost but two years at his post. Mr. Malin was married at Clinton, Oneida Co., N. Y., November 11, 1841, to Miss Mary Kinney, a native of Oswego County, N. Y., who died after ten years of wedded life. Three of the five children born to this union are living, viz.: Emery F., Mariah and Jennette. He was again married November 11, 1851, to Miss Charity A. Irwin, a native of Claylick, Licking Co., Ohio. This union has been blest with seven children, four of whom are living, viz.: Frankey, Clinton, Carrie and Maud. Emery F., the eldest son, was in the naval service during the rebellion, two years, and visited many foreign countries. Subsequently he was promoted to Adjutant of the Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served as Clerk under Gen. Rosecrans, and was with Sherman on his grand march to the sea. Politically, Mr. Malin is a descendant of the Old-Line Whigs, and at present a stalwart Republican.

THOMAS MARTIN, Deputy Sheriff, Marysville. Deputy Sheriff Martin is a son of Michael and Catherine (Holton) Martin, and was born in county of East Meath Ireland, October 31, 1841. His parents were both natives of the same place, and the family embarked to the United States in 1850. After a residence of three years in New York City, they moved and located on a farm in Paris Township, where the parents passed the remainder of life's journey. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm, and learned to labor with his hands. He joined the ranks of the Union army, in 1861, in Company F, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three years' service, in which he experienced the perils of war. He engaged in the battle of Rich Mountain, W. Va., July 11, 1861; Carnifax Ferry, W. Va., December 10, 1861; Shiloh, Tenn., April 6, 1862; Corinth, Miss., April 30 to May 30, 1862; Battle Creek, Tenn., June 21, 1862; Perryville, Ky., October 6, 7 and 8, 1862; Stone River, Tenn., December 31, 1862, where he was wounded and taken prisoner. He was sent to Richmond and confined eleven days in Libby Prison when he was exchanged, and joined the regiment at Stone River. He followed the fortunes of battle at Chickamauga, Ga., September 19 and 23, 1863; Mission Ridge, Tenn., November 25, 1863, where the Thirteenth distinguished itself in storming the heights, and were the first to plant the stars and stripes upon the ramparts of the enemy's works, besides capturing artillery. Then followed the pursuit of Longstreet, and a spirited fight at Bull's Gap, Tenn., September 24, 1864. The regiment then joined Sherman in his march through Georgia. At the close of the Atlanta campaign, the army divided, and he, with the regiment, joined Gen. Thomas, at Nashville, through the battle of Franklin, Tenn., September 2, 1864. He was mustered out at Chattanooga, at the close of the war, and on his return to peaceful pursuits, opened a boot and shoe store at Marysville. This business he followed successfully until 1874, and for the two succeeding years engaged in buying and shipping live stock. From 1876 to 1880, he followed farming, but is now in the stock trade. He was appointed Deputy under Sheriff Hobensack, January 3, 1880, in which capacity he has proved a faithful and capable officer. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. society, Improved Order of Red Men and of the G. A. R. He filled the office of Coroner from 1870 to 1872, and from 1876 to 1878. He has served as Deputy Sheriff six years, four of which were under Sheriff Sharp. He was married, in 1870, to Miss Lucy F. Smith, a native of Union County. Five children born to this union are living, viz.: Maud, Thomas A., William S., Robert B. and Jesse E.

SAMUEL McALLISTER, contractor, Marysville, is a native of Adams County, Penn., where he was born September 18, 1829, and with his parents came to this county among the pioneers. He was raised on a farm where he remained until nineteen years of age, when he went to learn the carpenter's trade with William Crawford, on the Scioto River. After a service of two years, he moved to Logan County, and the following year formed a partnership with his employer, Moses Morrow, in the carpentering business. This firm dissolved after a short time, and he associated himself with James Young, of Kenton, Ohio. During this association, he formed the acquaintance of Miss Louisa J., a daughter of John Russell, of Virginia, to whom he was married in 1854. Subsequently, he moved to this county and settled on a farm in Dover Township, which he had purchased. This farm he sold six years afterward and purchased eighty-two and a half acres in Leesburg Township. In the spring of 1864, he took up his residence in Marysville, which he has since made his permanent home. In the fall of 1864, the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment Ohio National Guards was called into service, and Company C, of which he was Captain, being consolidated, he went into the field as First Lieutenant of Company K, and served through the call. On his return to peaceful pursuits, he became largely engaged in stock dealing, and soon after was elected Street Commissioner. In this capacity he performed serviceable work in grading the streets of this city. Probably no man has laid out more labor in making sound street improvements. Subsequently, he formed a contract for building the first half mile of road from Marysville to Dover, otherwise known as the Delaware pike. This completed, he will complete the road from Richwood to Rush Creek. He served the county as Street Commissioner two years, and has always taken an active interest in public improvements. He is a member of the Masonic order and G. A. R. His children are Alice, Henrietta, M. Blanche, Willie, Frank, Dottie, Walter Edwin, Minnie Gertrude, Charlie and Robert Russell.

SMITH N. McCLOUD, druggist, Marysville, of McCloud & Brother. This firm established their present business in this town in 1871, and carries a stock of considerable value and enjoy a lucrative trade. Mr. McCloud was born in Madison County, Ohio, December, 9, 1845. He is the son of Dr. Charles and Mary Jane (Carpenter) McCloud. Dr. Charles McCloud settled in Canaan Township, Madison County, in 1831, and for twenty years was engaged in the active practice of medicine. He was a prominent man in politics and an active worker in the Whig party. He represented his county in the Ohio Legislature, in the session of 1844–45 and was a member of the Constitutional Convention that framed the present Constitution of Ohio. He was born Febuary 2, 1808, and in 1832 married Mary Jane, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Carpenter, who was born August 29, 1813. They became the parents of four children, viz.: Mary, now the wife of Dr. E. C. Robinson, of Plain City; Rodney C., a druggist at Plain City; Sophronia, wife of Dr. Milton Lane, of Lincoln, Neb., and our subject. Mr. S. N. McCloud was married in 1868 to Miss Nora Filler, of this town. Six children have been born to them—Charles F., Imogene E., Lena E., John Jay, Nora May and Nellie G.

HUGH McFADDEN, farmer, P. O. Marysville, a highly respected citizen of Paris Township, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., October 15, 1799. His parents, John and Sophia (Kelley) McFadden, emigrated from Ireland in 1795, and settled in Pennsylvania. In 1802, they removed to Mason County, Ky. Mr. McFadden followed flat-boating on the Ohio and Mississippi for a number of years, and finally died in New Orleans. Mrs. McFadden removed to Brown County, and subsequently to Clinton County, where he died in 1820. Our subject is the second son and child of a family of seven children. He was engaged in farming and mercantile pursuits in Clinton County till 1861, when he came to Marysville and resumed merchandising on East Center street. He followed it till 1864, when he removed to his farm, which he had purchased in 1861. He was married February, 1822, to Miss Mary West, daughter of Robert and Henrietta (Fairfax) West. Mrs. McFadden was born in Fairfax County, Va., December 25, 1799. She was a lineal descendant of Lord Fairfax, who emigrated to America with a colony in the eighteenth century and settled in Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. McFadden were blessed with nine children; of these, three are living—Fairfax W., married Sarah Morton; Hugh, married Mary Allen; and Harrison W., a physician at Magnetic City; Mary, Hannah, La Fayette, Charles, Silas and Eliza J. Silas enlisted in the struggle for liberty when eighteen years of age, and died June 27, 1881, from disease contracted while in the service. Mrs. McFadden departed this life May 24, 1882, after a brief illness. Mr. and Mrs. McFadden had lived together for sixty years, and were earnest, consistent members of the Christian Church. Mr. McFadden is in politics a Republican. He owns a valuable and well-improved farm of 300 acres.

D. F. McKITRICK, dealer in boots and shoes, Marysville. This house was established in 1869, and was the first regular boot and shoe store opened to the public of Marysville. The proprietor occupied his present premises in 1872. He carries a complete and varied stock, and has a steadily increasing trade. He is the manufacturer and patentee of McKitrick's button fastener, which is a model improvement over all others, and is coming into universal use. The subject of this sketch was born in Delaware County, Ohio, in June, 1840. His father, George McKitrick, was a native of Licking County, Ohio, and a pioneer merchant at Beachtown, Jerome Township, Union County, where he was successfully engaged in business to the close of his life, in 1847. His wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Hill, who survives, was a native of Pennsylvania, and at this writing, July, 1882, a resident of Delaware County, Ohio. They were the parents of five children, four of whom survive, as follows: D. F., eldest son, James H., Israel W. and Clara, wife of T. H. Brannon, of Canal Dover, Ohio. Mr. McKitrick enlisted in 1864, in Company C, One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which service he contracted lung trouble and failing health, and was returned home just before the close of the war. He was married, in 1865, to Miss Rachel E., daughter of J. M. Robinson of this county. To this union four children have been born, three of whom are living, viz.: Ida M., Fannie M. and Nellie M. The family are connected with the Presbyterian Church of this city.

WILLIAM McMANNIS, farmer, P. O. Marysville, a soldier of the late rebellion, was born in Belmont County, Ohio, March 14, 1837. He is a son of James and Esther (Calvert) McMannis, the former a native of Berkeley County, Va., and the latter of Belmont County, Ohio, and a grandson of Luke McMannis, a native of Ireland, who crossed the Atlantic in a British fleet in the early part of the Revolutionary war. On his arrival in the United States, he enlisted on the American side and served five years as a private under Gen. Washington, and died in Virginia, at an advanced age. William was reared to his majority in his native place. August 16, 1862, he enlisted as a member of Company E, Ninety-eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served in the Western Department and participated at the battle of Champion Hills, where he received a gun-shot wound in the left leg which disabled him about four months. At the expiration of this time he rejoined his regiment at Franklin, Tenn., where he received his honorable discharge from the service August 25, 1863. He went to Noble County, and in 1868 to Paris Township, this county, where he has since followed the avocation of a farmer. November 7, 1861, he was married to Hannah Berry, a native of Noble County, born February 19, 1841, and a daughter of Zachariah and Rachel Berry. They have had no children, but have taken two to raise—Della May Elliott, born May 27, 1877, and Arthur Staley, born March 28, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. McMannis are members of the United Brethren Church. He is a Prohibitionist. His farm contains seventy-eight acres and is well cultivated.

LEWIS MILLS, farmer, P. O. Marysville, a native of Paris Township, was born July 25, 1846. He is a son of Thomas and Sophia (Dines) Mills, the former a native of Maryland, and the latter of Warren County, Ohio. They came to this county, where they both died. Mr. Mills departed this life August 23, 1871, and Mrs. M., September 17, 1864. Our subject is next to the youngest of eleven children, of whom six are living. He was reared on a farm and educated in the district schools and Marysville public schools. He followed teaching of winters and farming of summers from 1866–70. He resided most of the time in York, Union and Taylor Townships till the spring of 1881, when he purchased the farm he now occupies. November 17, 1870, he married Miss Sophronia Hamilton, a native of Taylor Township and a daughter of John and Lucy (Griffin) Hamilton. Their children are Ada, Lucy, Somelia A. and Mary. Mr. Mills owns a farm of 171 acres. His political views are Republican.

JOHN MITCHELL, Jr., retired, Marysville, is a son of John Mitchell, who was the youngest of eight children, and was born in Cumberland County, Penn. He moved to Milford Center in 1823, being among the pioneers of that township. The same year he was married to Miss Susanah Kingery, a Virginian. He was a hatter by trade, and began the struggles of life with little, if any means. He applied himself closely to his business, and with the elements of energy and frugality accomplished success. He was of a quiet unostentatious nature and a lover of home. In 1835, he purchased 500 acres of land upon which he resided until near the close of his life, in 1882, in the eighty-second year of his age. The widow who survives him resides in this city at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Their children are Ross, eldest son, who married Anna Deland, and resides in Piatt County, Ill.; John, Jr.; William D., who enlisted in August, 1861, in Company B, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864; James, who enlisted in same regiment and served the full time of enlistment, and was discharged in August, 1864; and George D., who married Sarah Converse, of this county. The subject of this sketch was born in Milford Center, Union Township, February 13, 1826. He was raised on the homestead farm, and in 1847 was married to Miss Harriet, daughter of William and Mary Stansfield. She was of English descent, and with her parents came to this country when she was seven years of age. Her father was a merchant at Columbus, Ohio, some years, and died while on a visit to Illinois in 1836. His widow subsequently removed to Shawnee County, Kan., where she died in 1861. Mr. M. disposed of his estate in Union Township, in 1876, and moved to this city, where he has since lived in quiet retirement. He served his native township as Justice of the Peace eight years and Trustee for seven years, and was otherwise identified with the township. He is the father of six children, five of whom are living, viz.: Emily L., Elizabeth A., Francis I., John M. and Carrie M.

HUGH MOORE, one of the oldest citizens of Union County, was born in Charleston, Va., August 2, 1795. His parents, Jonathan and Elizabeth (Long) Moore, were natives of New Jersey and Virginia, respectively. His father served from the beginning to the termination of the Revolutionary war, as a member of a body-guard to Gen. Washington. In 1812, he, with his family, removed to Cincinnati, and the following year to Lebanon, Warren County. He died at the extreme age of one hundred and one years, and his wife in her one hundredth year. Hugh was the eldest of five children. He was reared on a farm till of age. In 1840, he went to Perry County, Ill., where he lived till 1846, when he returned to Warren County, and in 1848 came to this county and located in Paris Township. He was a fife-major in the late war between the United States and Great Britain, and served six months. He was married, and had eleven children; of these six are living. James, his eldest son, was born in Warren County, January 25, 1824; he married February 28, 1858, to Miss Christiana Belville, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Belville, by whom he has had three children, viz., Nicholas B., Henry A. and Hugh. Mr. Moore owns and occupies the home farm, which contains 116 acres, and is engaged in the avocation of farming.

A. MOREY, one of the old citizens of Marysville, where he has been in business thirty-five years, was born in Perry County, Penn., from whence his parents moved in 1836 to Delaware County, Ohio. They located in Scioto Township, where both now live, at the ripe old ages of eighty-four and eighty-six, respectively. His father, Jacob Morey, was born in Lancaster, Penn., and his mother, Barbara (Jacobs) Morey, was born in Dauphin County, Penn Our subject was born in 1822, and in 1838 he came to Marysville, where he remained until 1840, when he removed to Columbus, Ohio, and finished his trade, cabinet-making. Returning to Marysville in 1848, he opened a small place for manufacturing cabinet ware, on the northeast side of the public square. In the following year, he effected a partnership with Samuel Resler, who was succeeded by Judge Cassil, both connections being dissolved after a short duration. Mr. Morey then continued the business alone, and soon added steam power to his works. Shortly afterward, he associated with himself two parties from the East—Sanderson and Warner—to engage in the manufacture of cane seats and split-bottom chairs. After the lapse of about a year, he purchased the interests of both of these men, and entered into partnership with G. W. Hupp, of Mechanicsburg, who, five years later, retired from the firm. Mr. Morey then moved his building to the site on which it now stands, and has since carried on business under the firm name of H. W. Morey & Co. In 1848, Mr. Morey was married to Miss Abbie B. Kinney, a native of Oswego County, N. Y , by whom he has had the following children: Henry W., Charles D., Franklin Pierce, deceased, William F., John F., Albert H., Carrie, deceased, and Estella M. Mr. Morey has been a member of the Odd Fellows society for thirty-six years, has passed all the chairs, and for a time filled the chair of Deputy; he is also a member of the Encampment—a charter member of that body here, and has passad all the chairs. He was a charter member of the Marysville Lodge I. O. R. M. and acted at one time in the capacity of Deputy of that society. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and for twenty years has had charge of the choir of the church at Marysville. H. W. Morey, the eldest son of the above and a practicing dentist at Marysville, was born in Paris Township, this county, in 1849, and was educated at the public schools of this city. He studied dentistry under Dr. Powell, and in 1872 graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College. He is a thorough master of his profession, and is kept constantly employed in attending to a large and lucrative practice. In the spring of 1881, he was elected a member of the Board of Council, and in the fall of the following year he was elected Coroner of the county, an office of which he is the present incumbent. In 1874, he married Miss Clara A. Woods, a daughter of Samuel Woods of Union Township. This union has been blessed with one child—Dana.

ANDREW S. MOWRY, civil engineer, Marysville, was born in Smithfield, R. I., September 4, 1832, and is a son of Enos and Julia A. (Vose) Mowry, both natives of that State. He, Andrew, was educated at the Providence Seminary at Greenwich, R. I., and studied for a surveyor in the office of Henry F. Walling, in whose employ he remained eight years. In 1857, he came to the West, and located at Waukesha, Wis., and made the first map produced in that county. He subsequently mapped Ross, Madison and other counties in Ohio, in the interest of Walling, and in February, 1864, came to Union County under a contract with the county, to make plats for the land appraisers. He was elected Surveyor in 1866, and served nine years. He run and made the first gravel road in this county, and made an efficient and capable officer. He was married December 2, 1862, to Miss Joanna Doolittle, a native of Oneida County, N. Y. One child, Adale, is the issue of this union. Mr. M. has been connected with the Masonic order during his residence in this county, and with the Presbyterian Church of this city. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln.

THEODORE MULLEN, liveryman, of the firm of Robinson & Mullen. Marysville, was born in Paris Township in 1843. His parents, Charles and Sarah (Bancroft) Mullen, were both natives of Ohio, and his father a life-long resident of this county. His grandfather, Joseph, a Virginian, was a pioneer of Marietta and Madison Co., Ohio, and settled in this county, when Charles was five years of age. He afterward moved to Mahaska County, Iowa, where he died in the ninety-eighth year of his age. Charles died in this county in February, 1882. Theodore was left motherless when eight years of age, and in March, 1862, he walked to Columbus, Ohio, and enlisted as a private in Company B, Sixty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was promoted to Corporal for meritorious conduct at the battle of Gettysburg. He served in the fortunes of the Potomac army, participating in the battle of the second Bull Run, Va., August 30, 1862; Fredericksburg, Va., November 9 to 16, 1862; Gettysburg, Penn., July 1 to 3, 1863; Mission Ridge, Tenn., November, 1863; Lookout Mountain, Tenn., November 24, 1863, and Dallas or New Hope Church, Ga., where he was wounded in the right arm, and taken prisoner while being conveyed to the Chattanooga Hospital, but paroled the following day, and sent to Nashville, Tenn. Convalescing, he was transferred to Columbus and discharged in December, 1864. Mr. M. is the embodiment of robust health and vigorous constitution, but the wound received on the field of New Hope Church is still troubling him, it having never healed. He was raised in this city, and is a dyer by trade. He served as Superintendent of the woolen mill of the Robinson Bros., of this city, for seventeen years, and until the establishment closed in 1880. In June, 1881, he joined his fortunes with J. B. Robinson in the livery business, and the firm have produced the most complete and thorough establishment of the kind in the city. Mr. Mullen was married in 1867, to Miss Lydia, daughter of Samuel S. Jewell, of this county. Of the two children born to this issue, one is living—Edward. Mr. Mullen is a member of the K. P. and G. A. R. societies, and a sterling Republican in politics.

JOSEPH NEWLOVE, deceased. This estimable gentleman, whose demise occurred after the compilation of this sketch, was born at Wold, Newton, Old England, in 1806, and with his parents, Joseph and Ann (Brown) Newlove, migrated to the American shore in 1821. They founded a settlement near Springfield, Ohio, and were among the early pilgrims of Clark County, where both parents died. They raised a family of eight children, but one, Edward, of whom survives. The subject of this sketch remained on the homestead farm until twenty-one years of age, when he started alone and unaided in the battle of life. In 1849, he purchased and settled upon a farm in Pharisburg, Union County, now occupied by his eldest son, Garrison. In 1852, he was elected County Auditor, and took up his residence in Marysville, assuming the duties of the office in the spring of 1853. Completing his term he was engaged in the management of the Marysville Bank several years, and in 1860 was again elected Auditor of the county, in which capacity he officiated six years. He was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Farmers' Bank, founded in 1868, and presided over its management to the close of his life. He was a man of quiet, unostentatious habits, a good neighbor, a faithful friend and esteemed citizen. He was married December 6, 1827, to Miss Martha, daughter of Cornelius Carter, a native of Kentucky. Of the children born to this union, six are living—Garrison; Ann, wife of Joseph Maskill of this county; Martha E., wife of Alphonso Young, of this county; John, Brown, and Benjamin C., of this city.

JOHN NEWLOVE, the first soldier to enlist in Union County, and one of its bravest "boys," was born in Harmony Tp., Clark Co., Ohio, August 11, 1839. He is a son of Joseph and Martha Newlove, and a grandson of Joseph Newlove, who emigrated to the United States from England. John is the third son and sixth child of a family of eight. He was reared in his native place till his parents removed to Union County, and acquired his education in the Marysville Public Schools. April, 1861, he enlisted for three months in Company D, Second Regiment Ohio Volunteers Infantry. He met the enemy at the first battle of Bull Run, the first engagement of the war. He was discharged at the expiration of the three months, and August 26, 1861, he re-enlisted in Company D, First Ohio Cavalry, for three years. He was appointed Fourth Sergeant and in 1863, was commissioned Commissary Sergeant. He participated in the following leading engagements: Stone River, Chickamauga, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta and Pittsburg Landing, and a number of minor battles. He veteranized April 3, 1864, and reenlisted in the same company, and served with distinguished bravery and patriotism till after the close of the war. He was the first man to discover the rebel chieftain Jeff. Davis, and for assisting in his capture received as his portion of the $100,000, $402. He was honorably discharged September, 1865, at Columbus, Ohio. January 5, 1866, he was married to Miss Mary Amrine, daughter of Abraham and Nancy Amrine, and a native of Paris Township, where she was born May 8, 1840. They have had six children, of whom five are living—Arthur J., Maud, Abraham, Mary and Lucius J.; Joseph A. is deceased. Mrs. Newlove is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Marysville. Mr. Newlove is identified with the orders of K. of P., I. O. of R. M. and G. A. R. Politically, he is a stanch Republican. His farm contains 173 acres of well improved and highly cultivated land. He is engaged in agriculture and stock-raising; he breeds and rears Poland-China hogs, and thoroughbred Spanish Merino sheep, and is a regular and prominent exhibitor at the Fair.

F. H. OTTE, of the firm of F. H. & W. Otte, merchant tailors, dealers in ready-made clothing, Marysville. F. H. Otte, the senior member of this firm, is one of the busy and enterprising spirits of Marysville, and was born in Hanover, Germany, March 23, 1836, and embarked to the United States in 1853. He served as journeyman tailor in the mother country, and plied himself at his trade for one year in Buffalo, N. Y.; he then removed to St. Catherines, Ontario, and remained until 1855, from which time he became a traveler at large, going to Richmond, Ind., and after a nine months' stay went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and fifteen months later to Memphis, Tenn., thence to New Orleans, La., and Mobile, Ala., from which point he returned to Cincinnati, Ohio, three times. Returning to Cincinnati in the fall of 1861, he met and married Miss E. R. Albertzart, a native of Oldenburg, Germany. After marriage, he returned to Buffalo, N. Y., and the following year returned to Cincinnati, thence to Richmond, Ind., and in 1865 to Summersville, Butler Co., Ohio, where he opened a merchant tailoring and clothing house, and for three and a half years settled down to business. He then returned to Mobile, Ala., from which point he journeyed to Red River County, Texas, and La Mar County. Thence to Jefferson, Madison County, where he assumed the proprietorship of a hotel; subsequently he went to New Orleans, La., thence to St. Louis, and to Cincinnati, Ohio, from which place he at last found a haven of rest among the good people of Union. Here he established business in the spring of 1871, and in October of the same year, his brother was admitted a partner to the concern. In 1872, the house occupied their present commodious quarters, where they have had enough trade to keep them busy constantly. The firm carry a stock of about $15,000, and have a large custom trade in connection with their sales department. Mr. O. is a progressive, energetic business man, and worthy of the success he has attained. Of the seven children born to him five are living—Rosa, William, Estella, Lorentz and Clements.

WILLIAM OTTE, of the firm of F. H. & W. Otte, merchant tailors, Marysville. This industrious cutter and tailor is a native of Hanover, Germany, where he was born in August, 1838. He crossed the Atlantic to the American shore in 1857. He located at Cincinnati, Ohio, and soon afterward went to Richmond, Ind., where he worked diligently at his trade for fourteen years and until his removal to this city in 1871, at which time he was admitted as a partner in the clothing store of his brother. The brothers have proved themselves capable workmen, which is evidenced by the large stock and increasing trade of their popular establishment. The Otte brothers have gained hosts of friends during their business career in Marysville, of which they are entirely worthy. The subject of this sketch was married, in 1867, to Miss Kate Werner, a native of Richmond, Ind. Seven children born to this union are all living, viz: Ella, Louis, Mattie, Frank, Walter, Minnie and Annie. Mr. Otte is a member of the I. O. O. F. society.

ANDREW J. PARKER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born near Baltimore, Md., January 28, 1816. His parents, George and Priscilla (Harrison) Parker, were also natives of Maryland. His father was a soldier of the Revolution, and was at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. He died in his native State, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. His father emigrated from England with a colony. He had three sons—George (who settled in Maryland), Sawney (settled in Pennsylvania) and Fielder (who settled in Virginia). George was the father of two sons by his first wife, and seven sons and one daughter by his last wife. Our subject is the eldest of the second set of children. He was reared on a farm, and married, October 10, 1844, to Elzira Frey, a daughter of Isaac Frey, a soldier of the war of 1812, and a grand-daughter of a Revolutionary patriot. Mrs. Parker is a native of Loudoun County, Va. She bore seven children—two sons and five daughters, viz.: Martha (wife of Isaac Frey), Isaac, Hannah (wife of Benjamin Deal), Jura (wife of Simon Hall), Thomas, Sophena (wife of George Hall), and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Parker is connected with the Masonic Order, and in politics is a Republican.

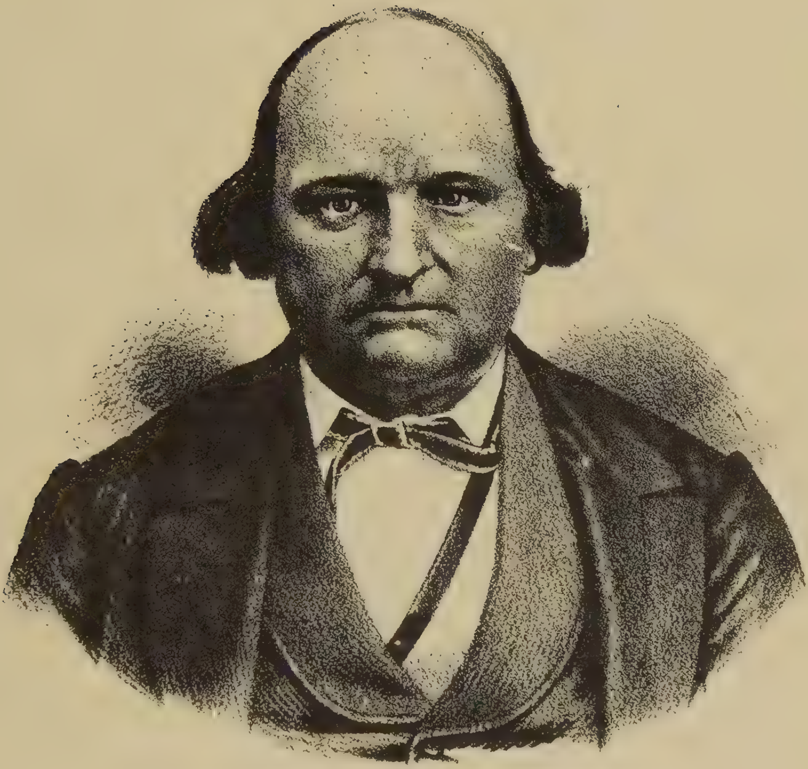
R. L. PARTRIDGE, bridge builder, Marysville. R. L. Partridge, where portrait appears in this volume, is the only living of four children born to his parents, Cyrus and Lucina (Carpenter) Partridge. The former was a native of Vermont, and the latter of Washington County N. Y. They migrated to the West at an early day, and were among the pioneers of Franklin County, Ohio, where he died in 1836. The widow and mother subsequently became a resident of Marysville, Ohio, where she lived to the close of her life in 1850. The subject of this sketch sprang from the Empire State, and was born in Wilmington, Essex Co., N. Y., in 1823. He came to this city in 1836, where he was reared and educated under the care of, and learned wagon and carriage making with, Rowland Lee, a half-brother. He subsequently became engaged in the carpenter trade, which he followed until 1866, when he began contracting and bridge building. Mr. Partridge has erected nine-tenths of the bridges in Union County, and at this time, 1882, employs from five to fifteen men. He was a member of the first military organization in the county, and during the Mexican war and late rebellion took an active part in raising men and money for the cause. He has served in the City Council, was Township Clerk and Trustee some years, and has always recognized and assisted in all public improvements. He was married in the fall of 1846 to Miss Maria Wolford, who was born in what was known as the Campbell place, Marysville, in 1825. Her parents, Adam and Catherine Wolford, settled upon sixty-five acres of land west and south of the new court house, in 1820, which at that time was a dense woods. Their cabin was erected in the rear of the present residence of Mr. Mulford, which became a hallowed spot for church gatherings and pioneer meetings. Palatial residences and public edifices of modern design occupy the soil of this worthy pilgrim, while his spirit and that of his devoted companion have long since pioneered their settlement to that better land. The only landmark remaining at this time to recall the incidents and cherish memories of these associations is the old well over which was suspended "the old oaken bucket, the iron bound bucket, the moss covered bucket, that hung in the well." Adam Wolford was a carpenter by trade, and erected many of the first houses in Marysville. He was engaged in the construction of the old court house, and was a citizen esteemed by all who knew him. Mrs. Partridge and William Wolford of this county are the only living representatives of his children. Mr. and Mrs. Partridge are the parents of six living children, as follows: Asenath, A. Jennette (wife of H. C. Vosburg), Frances L. (wife of S. L. Sagar), Flora L., Catherine O. and Lillian. Mrs. Partridge is the oldest native born citizen now residing in Marysville. David E. Wolford, a brother of Mrs. Partridge, was born and raised in Marysville. He enlisted three times in the Union service during the late rebellion, and while in the service contracted a disease of the lungs, from which he died three weeks after leaving the army, in 1865, aged twenty-five years.

LEVI PHELPS, deceased. Of this sturdy pioneer, so well remembered by the older settlers of the county, but little can now be obtained compared with what might have been learned previous to his death. Levi Phelps was born in Colebrook, Litchfield Co., Conn., October 16, 1789. In 1810, he removed to Ohio and located at Granville, in the county of Licking, and a few years later took up his residence near what was afterward the village of Homer, in Union Township, Union County, where he and his brother Sylvester built a woolen mill, in which they invested all their means. Mr. Phelps had been a soldier in the war of 1812. The woolen mill erected by himself and his brother had been in operation but a short time when it was destroyed by fire. For a few years thereafter, Mr. Phelps taught school during the winter months in the vicinity of Milford Center, and on the 3d of October, 1826, he married Sarah Cooper, removing soon afterward to Marysville. He became the father of six children, of whom the only survivor is Cyrus A. Phelps, Esq., now Cashier of the First National Bank of Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Phelps was chosen to fill numerous public offices, as will be seen by reference to the list elsewhere. All of his children were born in Marysville. His wife was one of the original members of the Presbyterian Church of Marysville, organized in 1827, and Mr. Phelps became a member of the same later in life. He lived in Marysville from the time of his first settlement there until within two months of his death. He removed with his wife to Springfield, Ohio, in August, 1863, and the two made their home with their son, Cyrus. Levi Phelps died at the residence of his son on the

27th of November, 1863, at the age of seventy-four years. He is remembered as a zealous partisan in politics. He was an ardent admirer of Henry Clay and always voted with the Whig or Republican party. He was by all men justly regarded as an upright man, a good citizen and a kind neighbor, and died leaving both a good name and a good estate.

L. PIPER, attorney, Marysville. Robert Piper, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Ireland, who with a brother; crossed the ocean to the Colonies in 1790. The brother located at Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Robert settled in Pennsylvania, where he married Miss Susannah Cochran, who was born September 16, 1781. He moved and settled in Union Township in 1813. His death occurred while on the road between Chillicothe, Ohio, and his home, on October 18, 1813. Their children were Eleanor Margaret, William C., Mary Rosannah and Jane. His widow subsequently married John Porter, by whom she had two children, Maria and Susan. Her death occurred August 14, 1824. William C. Piper, father of this subject, was born in Washington County, Penn., and was six years of age when he moved with his father's family to this county. He worked diligently on the homestead farm until a young man, when he went to learn the carpenter's trade at Milford. In 1834, he was married to Miss Hannah F., daughter of Richard Gabriel. She was born on the homestead farm in Union Township, October, 1811. In 1844, he purchased the farm upon which his widow and children now reside, where he passed the remaining years of his life. He filled the office of Township Trustee for thirty-three consecutive years and was prominently identified with the Township in various ways. The Whig party solicited his candidacy for County Sheriff but he respectfully declined. He was a man of refined taste, a great reader, quiet, and unostentatious in his habits, and a lover of home. His death is recorded in May, 1876. He was the father of seven children, six of whom are living. The subject of this sketch is the eldest of the children, and was born on the homestead farm in Union Township, November 22, 1836. He secured his primary education in the select schools of that township, and pursued two years of study at the Otterbein University, Franklin County, Ohio; subsequently he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, from which institution he graduated in June, 1864. The following year, he began the study of law in the office of Col. Lawrence, of this city. He was admitted to the bar by the District Court of Delaware County in June, 1867. On March 15, 1869, the law firm of Robinson & Piper was formed, under which association he has since been continuously engaged. In October, 1869, he was elected Prosecuting Attorney, and re-elected to the same office in the fall of 1871. He served as County Examiner from 1867 to 1874, and was a member of the School Board for eleven consecutive years, most of which time he served as Clerk of the Board, which position he fills at this time. He enjoyed the position of Superintendent of Schools from January, 1867, to the close of the following year, and has always taken an active part in educational affairs. During the rebellion, he enlisted as a musician in the brigade band, but after a short service was taken sick and while lying in the hospital the band was discharged. Mr. P. was reared in the Presbyterian Church at Milford, and has been an Elder of the Presbyterian Church of this city since 1873. He is connected with the order of Masons and the G. A. R. His marriage to Miss Martha, daughter of Daniel and Mary Coe, occurred April 29, 1869. She was born October 13, 1845, and died June 15, 1882. Four children, the fruits of this union, survive her loss, as follows: Kate, William C., Ralph M. and Ruth.

JOSEPH POWERS, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Monroe Township, Madison Co., Ohio, in December, 1813. His grandfather, Walter Powers, was by birth a Virginian, of Dutch descent, and a soldier of the Revolutionary war. His parents, Robert and Mary (Higgins) Powers, were both natives of Virginia, who located at an early time in Belmont County, Ohio, thence going to Madison County, Ohio, in 1808, where he purchased 900 acres of land from Robert Means, the original proprietor and an officer of the Revolutionary war. Here he founded a home, raised his family and lived until 1821, when he, with his devoted wife, were called to join in the settlement of that better land. He, with a brother (Joseph), gave their services to their country in the war of 1812, and both were distinguished pioneers of the State. The subject of this sketch is the eldest of three living children. Left an orphan when nine years of age, he was bound out to one James Burnham until becoming of age. He remained in durance about seven years, when he started out for himself, and was employed working on a farm and driving cattle over the mountains. After marriage in 1836 to Miss Julia E. McCoy, he returned to the homestead and rented farms until his removal to this county in 1848. He purchased 250 acres of land west of this city, where he resided until 1877, when he purchased seven acres of land on West Center street upon which he erected his present residence. He has made a subsequent purchase of twenty-five acres and added to his farm, which is thoroughly drained with 1,000 rods of tile, and is well-cultivated and productive. His wife died in 1849, leaving four children, two of whom survive (William M. and Joseph W.). His present wife Helen (daughter of Aquilla Turner), is a native of Clark County, Ohio. Of the children born to this union seven are living, viz.: Charles, Napoleon, John, Phebe A., James, Temperance and Thomas. William M. enlisted in the ranks of the Union army under Capt. Smith, of the Sixty-sixth Regiment, and was discharged on account of failing health in 1862. He again enlisted in the six months' service, and again in 1864 as a recruit. Also, Joseph W. served through the war and both brothers were with Sherman on his memorable march to the sea. Mr. P. was Township Trustee about eight years,



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and is one of the oldest and most respected pioneers of the county. He is connected with the M. E. Church.

EDWARD POWERS, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Marysville, a native of Madison County, Ohio, was born April 8, 1819. He is a son of Robert and Mary (Higgins) Powers, who were natives of the Old Dominion. They died, the former in August and the latter in September of 1821. Our subject was then placed in the care of Andrew and Mercy Amrine, who soon came to Paris Township. He remained with Mr. Amrine and family till fourteen years old, then went to Springfield and spent one year working at the cabinet trade. The next four years he employed in learning the carpenter trade in Marysville. The site of Marysville was then marked by only eight houses, and Mr. Powers aided in constructing many of the more substantial business houses and residences that now form a part of Marysville. Mr. Powers pursued his early chosen trade but a few years, till his marriage, which occurred December 26, 1840, with Miss Polly A. Dines, a daughter of James C. and Providence Dines, and a native of Lebanon, Ohio. She was born June 5, 1821. This union resulted with seven children, viz.: Annette, born February 26, 1842, wife of J. M. Horney; Providence, born February 4, 1844, wife of H. A. Westlake; Mary, born December 9, 1847, and died May 11, 1849; Chambers, born April 28, 1849, married Inis Smith; Frances E., born November 15, 1853, wife of E. B. Knotts; Charlie, born April 25, 1857; and Clara, born February 7, 1859, wife of T. S. Blue In 1856, Mr. Powers located on his present farm. For the last ten years, he has devoted especial attention to keeping Spanish Merino sheep, which he exhibited at the Annual County Fair of 1881, and was awarded the first premium. He was one of the first to introduce Poland-China hogs. He has been a member of the County Agricultural Society since its organization, and was one of the agricultural board two years. Politically, he is a Republican. He is identified with the Masonic Order and Grange. He owns a large and well-improved farm. Of winters, for the last twelve years, he has dealt in furs, doing a large business.

JOHN C. PRICE, stock-dealer, Marysville, was born in Madison County, Ohio, in March, 1832. His parents, Henry and Eliza (Corey) Price, were natives of Maryland and Connecticut, respectively. His grandfather, John Price, was a native of Connecticut, and settled in Ross County at a very early day. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Subsequently, he removed to Madison County, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his life. Henry was raised on a farm in Ross County, and was largely engaged in stock dealing, making long trips with cattle over the mountains. He accumulated a large landed property, and was widely and favorably known. He raised a family of six children, four of whom are living, viz.: John C., the subject of this sketch; Annette, wife of T. S. Snow, of Lima, Ohio; Robert and Russell. His death occurred in 1853. His wife survived until 1880. Mr. Price came to this county and city in 1859, since which time he has been largely engaged in stock-dealing. He has served many years as Land Appraiser, and in the election of 1873, was selected as County Sheriff, which office he occupied the following year. He was re-elected in 1875, serving two terms with great satisfaction to his constituents. At the breaking-out of the rebellion in 1861, he joined the ranks of the Union army in Company F, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served about two years in the field. He re-enlisted in the Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served through to the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Carnifax Ferry, W. Va., in 1861; Shiloh, March 2 to April 6, 1862; Corinth, April 30, 1862; Knoxville, Tenn., September 1863; Resaca, Ga., May 13, 1864; Altoona Mountain, May 25, 1864, where he received a wound in the left arm, and from the field hospital was transferred to the hospital at Camp Dennison, where he was confined until the wound healed, and he was honorably discharged. Mr. Price is a member in good standing of the Masonic fraternity, I. O. O. F. Order, and is one of the active business men of the county. He was married in 1853 to Miss Rhuma Dawson, a native of Champaign County, Ohio. Their living children are Effie, wife of J. C. Gunthrie, Alice and Durell, the latter a graduate of Marysville High School.

EDWARD S. PYNE, retired, Marysville, is a son of David and Anna (Fanning) Pyne, and was born at Fayetteville, Onondaga County, N. Y., October 26, 1840, and spent his youth at Cazenovia, N. Y. He began the battle of life in his youth, and selected the business that crowned his efforts with success. When fourteen years of age, he left home to fill a situation as salesman in the dry goods house of William H. and J. F. Hubbard, at Susquehanna, Penn. Three years later, he returned to his home. After a service at Syracuse, N. Y., he became engaged at Gibson, Penn., where he formed the acquaintance of Everett Whitney, with whose son A. J. he afterward became engaged in the dry goods trade at Marysville. This copartnership being consolidated, the firm of Whitney & Pyne opened a stock of dry goods to the public in October, 1862. This firm conducted a large and successful trade for fourteen years. In 1876, Whitney retired from the firm, and in the following year Mr. Pyne disposed of his interest to W. H. Robb. Mr. Pyne subsequently purchased a small stock of goods, but after a short time disposed of it, and retired from active business. Since that time he has dealt considerably in real estate, and aided materially in the growth and development of the city. He served nine years as Deputy Collector of Union and Delaware Counties, and has always taken an active interest in all public improvements. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Pyne married January 3, 1865, to Miss Mary, a daughter of William Lee, a native of Troy, Rensselaer County, N. Y. Two children born to this issue are living, viz.: Harriet and Edward F.

TABER RANDALL was born in Windsor County, Vt., November 5, 1806. His father, Joshua Randall, a native of Plymouth, Mass., was born May 10, 1758; and his mother, Keziah Hawley, was born in Connecticut in 1767. They were married in Keene, N. H. In 1809, they removed to Essex County, N. Y., and in 1818 to Franklin County, Ohio, where they resided till 1825, and removed to Huron, which afterward became Erie County, Ohio, where Mr. Randall died May 20, 1828. He was a Revolutionary patriot, having served from beginning to end as a minuteman in that war. Among the important battles in which he was engaged were Bunker Hill, burning of Charleston and New Bedford, and Sullivan's expedition to Long Island. He married for his first wife Hannah Randall, by whom he had four sons, all now deceased. By his second wife, Keziah Hawley, he had four sons and four daughters; of these, two are living—Phebe, widow of Evans Carr deceased, and Taber, the subject of this sketch. The latter was reared and brought up to the shoe-maker's trade. In 1825, when eighteen years of age, he taught his first school in what is now Mill Creek Township. He then went to Huron County with his parents and taught one winter. In February, 1828, he returned to Mill Creek Township and resumed teaching, which he followed in all twelve years. In 1844, he was elected Justice of the Peace of Jackson Township, and was four times chosen to that office. The last term, however, he resigned before its close, to accept the position of Clerk of the county. He served in this official capacity from 1854 to 1869, inclusive. From 1871 to 1879, he was employed in indexing the records of deeds and mortgages from 1820 to 1879. Mr. Randall was Clerk of Jackson Township sixteen years, and of Paris one year, and was the first Postmaster at Essex, Rush Creek Post Office. Since his residence in Marysville, he filled the office of Justice of the Peace one term. On January 1, 1832, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Cheney, a daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Owen) Cheney. She died in February, 1854, leaving four children—Phebe J., Mary K., Richard H. and Hannah E., all of whom are now deceased. Mr. Randall was married the second time, November 13, 1860, to Mrs. Jane Brophy, widow of William Brophy, and daughter of Stephenson and Sarah D. Curry. Mrs. Randall was born in Jerome Township in August, 1833. She had one child by her former husband—Ida M., wife of L. H. Davis, of Delaware, Ohio. Mr. Randall is connected with the Masonic order and in politics is a Republican.

J. N. RATHBUN, gardener, Marysville. The history of Union County presents the name of Rathbun among its distinguished families and pioneers. John Rathbun, the grandfather, was the first to locate a settlement, and clear a spot for a cabin in Darby Township, where he lived to the close of his earthly existence. He was a practicing physician, and during his time was popularly and favorably known. Charles, his son, and father of our subject, was born and reared on the homestead, and adopted the profession of his father, in which he became successful. He moved and began the practice of his profession in Marysville in 1845. He secured a large practice, and remained with this people until 1862, when he removed to Washington County, Ind. where he died. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Russell, was a native of Darby Township. The subject of this sketch is the eldest of seven living children, and was born on the homestead in Darby Township January 3, 1832. For twenty-five years, he was engaged in the mercantile trade in this city. In October, 1861, he enlisted his services to the Union army in Company F, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He received promotion to the command of Company C, at Bridgport, Ala., and was a participant in the battles of Port Republic, June 9, 1862, where he received a wound in the side, and for a short time suffered confinement. Again in the field, he met the foe at Gettysburg, July 1, 2, 3, 1863; Lookout Mountain, November 24, 1863; Ringgold, Ga., September 11, 1863; Pumpkin Vine Creek, Ga., May 25, 1864; Peach Tree Creek, Ga., July 19, 1864; and Atlanta, Ga., July 21, 1864. He was mustered out at Atlanta, Ga., October 7, 1864. In 1880, Mr. R. settled on his present place, consisting of six and one-fourth acres of choice land, where he carries on extensive gardening operations. He was married July 5, 1853, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Turner, and a native of Marysville, who died December 25, 1879. His present wife, Miss Mary C. Cranson, is a native of Allen Township, Union County. One child, John, Jr., has been born to this union. Capt. Rathbun is a solid Republican politically, a respected member of the I. O. O. F. society and G. A. R.

S. L. REED, of the firm of S. L. Reed & Son, grocers, is a son of James Reed, who called himself James Reed the first, a native Pennsylvania, who was brought by his parents, Samuel and Elizabeth Reed, to this county. They were among the early settlers of Darby Township. James Reed married Miss Annie Robinson, who was born in Darby Township. The whole family connections show them to be among the earliest pioneers. The subject of this sketch was born in Darby Township, Union County, September 17, 1822. He was raised on the homestead farm, where he remained until twenty-one years of age, when he went to Milford Center and worked at tanning and in the mill for sixteen successive years, during which time he resided in Greene County. In 1866, he returned to this city, and for fifteen years engaged in draying. This he abandoned in 1882 and established himself in the grocery business, which he has since conducted profitably and with increasing trade. He succeeded Thompson & Weld in this trade, and carries a large stock of well-selected groceries, crockery, etc. He was married in 1843 to

Miss Margaret F., daughter of James Boals, of this county. Of the children born to this union, eight are living, as follows: Martha A., wife of William Longbrake; Elizabeth J.; James H. married Elizabeth Sanderson; Alvira; Delia, wife of William Rhulen; Emma; Cyrus, the junior member of the firm, and Robert Dyer. Mr. Reed is connected with the Presbyterian Church, and is widely known as a reliable business man and a worthy and esteemed citizen.

JOSEPH K. RICHEY, farmer, P. O. Marysville. The subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears in this work, is a native of Beaver County, Penn., where he was born September 19, 1811, and is a son of William and Mary (Kane) Richey, the former a native of Cumberland County, Penn., and the latter of North Ireland; her parents were Scotch Protestants, and migrated from Scotland to the place of her nativity, thence to the United States when the mother of our subject was four years of age. The parents settled in Westmoreland County, Penn., where they passed the remainder of their days. The grandparents of Joseph, on his father's side, Adam and Elizabeth Richey, were of the same origin, and emigrated at an early date to the American shore and settled in the same county in Pennsylvania, where they both died. They had eight children, five sons and three daughters. The sons were James, Thomas, Adam, William and John. The two eldest were soldiers in the Revolutionary war; James served through the war and afterward settled in North Carolina. William, the father of our subject, was first married in Westmoreland County, Penn., to Miss Catherine O. Hale, who bore him three daughters, Elizabeth, Nancy and Mary. He moved with his family to Madison County, Ohio, in the spring of 1813, and settled in Darby Township, where he resided until 1819, when he moved to Dover Township, Union Co., where his wife died. By his second marriage, to Mary Kane, he had nine children, eight of whom are living, viz.: Martha, William, Catherine, James, Sarah, Ann, Margaret, Adam and Joseph K. Our subject, the youngest, was married December 24, 1835, to Miss Nancy, daughter of George and Susannah Longbrake. Mrs. Richey was born August 1, 1817, in Clark County, Ohio. This union produced four sons and three daughters, four of whom are living, as follows: Adam; Jay H.; Mary, wife of H. Lovelace; and Louisa, wife of V. Turner. George, youngest son, enlisted in Company F, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was killed by a shell on the battle-field of Port Republic, June 9, 1862. Mr. Richey cleared the land of the homestead, and at this time owns 525 acres, 400 of which are improved. He has taken an active interest in the growth and improvement of the county since its organization. He was Assessor of the Milford & Irwin pike, it being the first gravel road erected in the county. He served nine years as County Commissioner, and was one of the board in the construction of the first gravel roads in the county, to which improvement his last term was devoted in superintending. He has also filled other offices of minor importance, and is one of our oldest and most respected citizens.

W. H. ROBB, retired. This worthy citizen and soldier is a son of John and Margaret (Hillis) Robb, the former a native of Washington County, Penn., and the latter of Kentucky. Robert, the grandparent, was born in Washington County, Penn., and served in the American Army through the Indian wars. Subsequently, he moved with his family to Kentucky, and was a distinguished pioneer of Lewis County, where he lived to the close of his life. John Robb was a participant in the war of 1812, and in the spring of 1842 moved and settled on a farm in Liberty Township, Union County, Ohio, where, together with his wife, they lived, rejoiced and sorrowed for twenty years, and together died in 1865. The subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears in this work, was born in Lewis County, Ky., in January, 1826. He was raised on a farm, but was engaged as a salesman until his election as County Sheriff in 1854. This official position he occupied two terms, when he pursued the mercantile trade, and in 1861 was elected Representative from this county to the State Legislature. At the close of his term, he gave his service to his country's flag, and raised Company E, of the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, three months' service, in which he was commissioned Captain June 3, 1862, and was mustered out at Delaware, Ohio, September 25, by reason of expired term of service. In 1864, he raised Company C, of the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he enlisted as a private, and was discharged therefrom as Captain May 12, 1865, by reason of disability resulting from wounds received in the service. He participated in the battles of Decatur, Tenn., August 18, 1864; Overalls Creek, December 4, 1864, and in the charge during the battle of the Cedars he was severely wounded in the right arm, and conveyed from the field. He was confined in the hospital at Murfreesboro, Tenn., from December 4, 1864, until April 5, 1865, when he returned to his home. In the fall of the same year, he was elected County Treasurer. His abilities and fitness in the discharge of this important trust gave him re-election in 1867, closing his service the second term. In the spring of 1870, he was appointed United States Revenue Collector, in which capacity he served the Government five years. Subsequently he pursued the mercantile trade a few years, when he retired from the active duties of life. Mr. R. has passed the chair of High Priest in Masonry, and is Quartermaster in the G. A. R. He was married in Union County, Ohio, in 1850, to Miss Eliza J. Green, a native of New York State, who died after two years of wedded life. His second marriage, to Miss Amelia J. Turner, a native of Clark County, Ohio, occurred in 1855. This union has been blessed with four children, all of whom are living, viz.: Ella, eldest daughter, is a teacher of schools in Philadelphia; Willis O., a Professor of languages and literature in the Cincinnati College, both graduates of Wesleyan University; Lillie and Lina, graduates of Farmers' College, Cincinnati. The family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church of this city.

JOHN W. ROBINSON, farmer, P. O. Marysville, son of John W. and Elizabeth Robinson, early pioneers of this county, was born in Darby Township January 11, 1831. He spent his early life on his father's farm, and received his education in the common schools of his native place. February 8, 1855, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Cole, a daughter of Daniel and Mary Cole, natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Robinson, a native of Washington County, Penn., was born May 24, 1831. Seven children were born to this union, viz.: Joseph H., Mary E., Aaron F., Jennie C., Carrie B., James E. and John C. In the spring of 1858, Mr. Robinson purchased his present farm, where he has since resided, He owns 240 acres of well-improved land at a convenient distance from Marysville. He has always followed the avocation of agriculture and stock-raising, and with success. He was the organizer of Grange No. 404, and served as its first Master; is now Treasurer of the County Grange. He is serving his second term as member of the Board of Township Trustees. Politically, he is a Republican. He and family are associated with the Presbyterian Church of Marysville.

AARON B. ROBINSON, merchant and attorney, Marysville. The subject of this sketch is a lineal descendant of Union County's earliest pilgrims, and was born in Darby Township November 10, 1833, and is a son of John W. and Elizabeth (Mitchel) Robinson, natives of Pennsylvania. Judge David Mitchel was the first to settle in the limits of Union County, some time prior to 1800. He became prominently identified with its interests, and occupied the chair of Associate Judge a number of years. Aaron B. Robinson was reared on the homestead farm, and learned to labor with his hands. He acquired a primary education in the schools of this city, and entered Jefferson College at Cannonsburg for the completion of his collegiate studies. In the Junior year, his health failed him, and he was obliged to return home. Subsequently, he began the study of law, and in 1858 attended the Cincinnati Law School. He was admitted to the bar the following year, and began the practice of his profession in connection with his brother, Hon. J. W. Robinson, in that city. He volunteered his services to the Union army during the rebellion, and entered the service on the 22d day of August, 1862, as Captain of Company I. One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and participated in most of the battles in which the regiment was engaged. He was wounded on the field of Chickamauga, Ga., September 19, 1863, and sent home, where he remained three months, when he returned to his regiment and served through to the close of the war. He received promotion to Colonel of his regiment, but was mustered out as Lieutenant Colonel June 17, 1865. Returning to peaceful pursuits, he joined his brother in the manufacture of woolen goods in a mill located near Military and West streets. The brothers did an extensive business in this establishment, which closed in 1880, after a long and successful career. In 1879, Mr. Robinson erected the large and commodious store of his present premises, where he carries on an extensive trade in dry goods, carpets, etc. He is at this time, July, 1882, serving his second year as Representative to the Ohio Legislature, to which he was elected in 1879. Mr. Robinson was joined in marriage in 1868 to Miss Keziah, daughter of Alfred and Harriet Wilkins, whose family history appears in this portion of the work. Four children born to this union are all living, viz.: Harriet E., E. Gertrude, Martha E. and Alfred J. Mr. Robinson is a member of the G. A. R., and the family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN B. ROBINSON, of the livery firm of Robinson & Mullen, Marysville. Mr. Robinson is politically a representative of the old-time Jacksonian Democracy, of loyal inheritance, who gave his service to his country's flag, and on the battle-field secured the legacy herein transmitted to his children, his country and his home. He was born in Jerome Township, Union County, in June, 1841. He was raised on a farm, and enlisted at Camp Chase, in Company B, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, August 9, 1861. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac and entered the field in September, 1861. He participated in the battle of Bull Pasture Mountain, Va., May 8, 1861, and was among the prisoners captured at Harper's Ferry, Va., October 11, 1861. He was exchanged, and joined the forces under Gen. Grant at Vicksburg, Miss., and was assigned to the first line of advance through the siege and fall of that place, May to July 4, 1863; also in the battle of Raymond, Miss., May 12, 1863; Champion Hills, Miss., May 16, 1863. At the close of Vicksburg, the regiment returned to Ohio on veteran furlough, was consolidated and joined Sherman at Resaca, Ga. He was in the advancing line at Kenesaw Mountain, Ga., June, 1864, and at Atlanta, Ga., was placed on the first skirmish line of advance before that place. Closely following the siege of Atlanta was Jonesboro, Ga., from August 19 to September 7, 1864. Then joining the victorious legions he marched with Sherman to the sea. He was again selected as one to advance the line against Savannah, Ga., December 10, 1864. He was among the gallant leaders in the battle of Goldsboro, N. C., March 21–24, 1865, and at the surrender of Johnston to the Union forces at Raleigh, April 26, 1865. Thence taking up the line of march homeward, through the grand review at Washington, and thence to Louisville, where he was discharged. Through all the privations and perils of war, he came out unscathed, and physically a more robust man. Returning to peaceful pursuits, he engaged in farming, and in October, 1878, was married to Miss Sarah C., a daughter of Jesse and Jane Gill, of Union Township. Five children born to this Union are all living, viz.: James E., Andrew, Flora, Laura and Pearl, and all the grandchildren of Charles M. and Margaretta (Roney) Robinson, residents of this city. The subject of this sketch moved to Marysville in 1873 and began dealing in stock. He has a pure thoroughbred Norman, imported from France, in 1867, at a cost of $3,000. His weight is 1,800 pounds, and in color he is white as snow. Mr. Robinson erected the stable he now occupies in 1878, and in June, 1881, Theodore Mullen was admitted a partner. This enterprising firm keep nothing but good stock, both in horses, buggies and carriages, and consume the great bulk of the city trade. They are courteous and obliging, and are worthy of the patronage they receive.

C. L. ROBINSON, commission merchant, Marysville. This family is among the oldest and most respected of Union County pioneers. Grandfather, Thomas Robinson, left the Keystone State in 1805, and settled in Darby Township, where he passed the remaining years of his life. He raised a family of six children, five sons and one daughter, three of whom are living. The subject of this sketch is a son of John M. and Mary J. (Roney) Robinson, and was born on the homestead, in Jerome Township, October 13, 1846. He was raised on a farm, and in 1862, enlisted in Company E, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served four months in the field. In August, 1863, he re-enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the field until March, 1864. Returning to peaceful pursuits, he was for one year engaged as a salesman at Columbus, when he established himself in the livery and stock business at Plain City, Madison County. In 1871, he removed to Marysville and became engaged in the live-stock and commission business at Cleveland, Ohio, where he was established under the firm name of Hunt & Robinson. For the past four years, the firm of Hunt, Robinson & Greenlee, have, with a large capital, carried on an extensive trade in the purchase and sale of sheep, hogs and cattle, at the Cleveland stock yards. Mr. R. spends the summer months at his home in this city, where he is connected with the wool trade. He is possessed of an active, persevering temperament, and is always busy. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, of Plain City, and of the G. A. R., of this city. His marriage to Miss Julia Shipman, a native of Plain City, Madison County, Ohio, occurred in 1868.

GEORGE P. ROBINSON, Marysville, is an offspring of one of the hardy pioneer families of Union County. His grandfather, Thomas, was among the foremost to erect a cabin in the limits of Darby Township, where he lived and died. His parents, Adam P. and Nancy J. (Marshall) Robinson, were both born in Darby Township in 1812. He was a resident of his native township until 1873, when he took up his residence in Marysville, where he died October 24, 1881. His life companion, who survives, is in the seventieth year of her age. The subject of this sketch was born on the homestead August 9, 1843. He remained at home until the breaking-out of the rebellion, when he joined the boys in blue of the Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, enlisting in Company D, August 13, 1861. He participated in the battles of Duck River, Tenn., April 26, 1863; Chickamauga, Ga., September 19, 1863; Mission Ridge, Tenn., November 24, 1863; Lookout Mountain, Tenn., above the clouds, November 25, 1863; Pound Gap, Ky., April 19, 1864; Dalton, Ga., May 9, 1864; Resaca, Ga., May 13, 1864; Kenesaw Mountain, June 10, July 2, 1864; Peach Tree Creek, Ga., July 19, 1864; Atlanta, Ga., July 21, November 9, 1864; Jonesboro, Ga., August 19, 1864; Lovejoy Station, Ga., July 29, 1864; and Buzzard's Roost, Ga., February 25–27, 1864. He was honorably discharged at Atlanta, Ga., October 7, 1864, and returned to his home. He engaged in teaching school and working on the farm until 1872, when he moved to North Lewisburg and opened a hardware store. Two years later he returned to this city and engaged in teaching and mercantile trade until 1875, when he was elected County Recorder. He was re-elected in 1878, and occupied that position six years. He is an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, of the K. of P. and the G. A. R. His marriage to Miss Lydia E., daughter of Rev. P. Webster, and a native of Knox County, Ohio, occurred November 13, 1873. One child—Winefred C., is the only issue of this union. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are connected with the Presbyterian Church.

JAMES HAMILTON RONEY, son of James and Rachel (La Rue) Roney, was born in Chester County, Penn., January 14, 1831. When two years of age, his father moved to Franklin County, Ohio, and eight years later, on the death of his parents, James went to live with a married sister, Mrs. Margaretta Robinson, in Jerome Township, Union County. On the 27th of September, 1853, he married Rebecca, daughter of William and Nancy (Bain) Bigger, and in the spring of 1867 moved to Marysville, where he and his family of three children—Anna, Nellie and Willie—still reside. Mr. Roney has been for more than thirty years a stock-dealer, and is the largest shipper in the county.

DR. A. SABINE, Marysville. William (1) Sabine, the first progenitor, appeared in the town of Rehoboth, Mass., at the organization of the town in 1642. When he came to America, is not known; but tradition says he came from Wales or the South of England, where he found refuge in flight from France. He was a Huguenot, and was a man of considerable culture, and possessing wealth, as is shown in the account of his estate and gifts for the relieving of the wants of those who suffered from the ravages of the Indians. He was one of the leading spirits of Rehoboth, in schools, church, and in affairs at Plymouth. We do not know who was his first wife, but she died shortly after 1660. He married second, Martha, daughter of James and Anna Allen, of Medfield, Mass. He died February 9, 1687. His will was made June 4, 1685, and probated in Boston, July 17, 1687, during the administration of Gov. Andros. The original will is on file in Boston. In it are mentioned sixteen of his twenty children. His children by his first wife were all born in Rehoboth, except the two eldest, whose place of birth is unknown. Benjamin (2) Sabine, fourth child by his first wife, was born May 3, 1646, in Rehoboth, where he resided until 1675, when he removed to Roxbury, Mass., and in 1686 was one of the thirteen pioneers who settled Woodstock, Conn., and joined the same year in purchasing a large tract of land lying just south of Woodstock—Mashamoquoit, the present town of Pomfret. He lived in Woodstock until 1705, when he removed to his new purchase. He died in Pomfret July 21, 1725, aged eighty. He married, first, Sarah, daughter, of John and Rebecca Polly, by whom he had four children. He married, second, Sarah Parker, July 5, 1678, by whom he had seven children. Nehemiah (3) Sabine, second child of Benjamin by his second wife, was born in Roxbury January 10, 1681. He married Elizabeth Boyden, of Medfield, Mass., where he resided until about 1716, when he returned to Pomfret. He died July 5, 1746. He had seven children. Nehemiah (4) Sabine, fifth child of Nehemiah, Sr., was born in Medfield, Mass., September 9, 1713. He married Ruth Cooper, December 3, 1735, and had five children. He died July 4, 1746. Nehemiah (5) Sabine, born in Pomfret, Conn., April 8, 1741; married Mary Rice, May 12, 1763, and settled in Tolland, Conn., where eight children were born. Nehemiah (6) Sabine [Nehemiah (5), Nehemiah (4), Nehemiah (3), Benjamin (2), William (1)], born in Tolland, Conn., March 18, 1777. Married, March 28, 1792, Susannah, daughter of Joseph Hawkins (son of James Hawkins, who came from England at an early day). He was a blacksmith. Soon after marriage, he embraced religion, united with the Methodists. and was soon licensed to preach. Was preaching in Vergennes, Vt., in 1793; Whitestown, N. Y., in 1795; Pitsfield, N. Y., in 1798; St. Armans, Lower Canada, in 1800; Highgate, Vt., 1802, and in 1806 purchased a farm at Dunham, Lower Canada, where he remained until 1812. When war was declared between England and the States, he embraced the first opportunity to cross the line into Vermont, where one of his parishioners was on picket Capt. On the 20th of September, 1812, with one two-horse and one three-horse wagon, and a family of nine children, he started for Ohio. Arrived in Worthington about the middle of November, 1812, where he wintered. During the summer of 1813, he purchased a farm on the south bank of Little Darby, on the post road, in what is now Union County, and built a cabin, Roswell, Laura and John F. occupying it immediately, the remainder of the family not being able to join them until spring, on account of high water. He died December 20, 1814, of "milk sickness." His wife, Susannah (Hawkins) Sabine, survived him, and died from injuries received in falling, at the home of her son, John F., in Marysville, Ohio, at the advanced age of ninety-four years. Their children were as follows: Hiram, born March 18, 1793, died September 20, 1814, of milk sickness; Hylas, born November 16, 1795, died December 9, 1834, of consumption; Dr. Roswell, born January 29, 1798, died March 11, 1875, of pneumonia; Laura, born September 12, 1800, died March 10, 1880, of dropsy; John Fletcher, born December 9, 1802, living; Phebe, born January 31, 1805, died September 20, 1815, of milk sickness; Asbury, born January 13, 1807, died April 8, 1845, of consumption; Rebecca T., born January 15, 1809, living (wife of Andrew Keyes); Dr. Charles W., born June 21, 1811, died February 15, 1842, of consumption; William R., born December 23, 1813, died June 24, 1835, of consumption. Milk sickness was really the primary cause of death of those who died with phthisis consumption. John Fletcher (7) Sabine, born December 9, 1802, in Highgate, Vt., came to this county December 1, 1813. His father dying when he was but twelve years old, the support of the family devolving upon him. He married, September 17, 1828, Euphenna, daughter of David Clement. Purchased a farm on Little Darby, near the homestead of Walter Dun, in the spring of 1828, where he resided until January, 1856, when he moved to Marysville, where he now resides. In politics, he was a Whig. He cast his first vote for Adams (John Quincy) in 1824, and has voted at every Presidential election and State election since. He was one of the first "Free-Soilers" in the country. Was elected Justice of the Peace in 1829 and held that office continuously until elected Auditor in 1855. Was elected Infirmary Director and held the office until forced to resign on account of ill health; but as soon as his health was partially restored, was re-elected and now is Clerk of the Board of Directors. The following are his children: Hylas, born July 5, 1829, married Anna Ware, October 8, 1857; Anna W. Sabine, born February 24, 1864; Wallace C. Sabine, born June 13, 1868; Andrew Sabine, born January 11, 1831, married Louisa Leonard, October, 1860, son born April 23, 1863, wife died May 19, 1863, child died July 12, 1863, married Nannie Christabelle Brown, October 28, 1878, one child—Christabelle Sabine, born May 14, 1881; Hannah Sabine, born February 21, 1837, married Christopher Houston, March 26, 1861, four children—Alexander, born January 3, 1862, Archie born May 12, 1864, Freddy, born March 23, 1867, Anna Christine, born April, 1871; Marcha, born March 16, 1839, died May 28, 1865, one son—Clement Mitchell, living. Andrew (8) Sabine [John T. (7), Nehemiah (6), Nehemiah (5), Nehemiah (4), Nehemiah (3), Benjamin (2), William (1)], was born January 11, 1831, and educated in the district school, Marysville Academy, and Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. He attended medical lectures at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Penn., in 1854–55–56, graduating in 1856. Practiced medicine in Rosedale, Madison Co., Ohio, for one year, when he received an appointment as physician to the Central Lunatic

Asylum, Columbus, Ohio, where he remained for three years; resigning this position, he located, in the fall of 1860, at Atchison, Territory of Kansas, where he soon obtained a good business in his profession. In May, 1861, being informed by Senator Jim Lane that Kansas would not be called on for troops, he immediately returned to Ohio and presented himself to the First Examining Board; not having ten years' experience as a physician, he could not be commissioned as Surgeon, but received the second commission, issued to Assist Surgeons, and was assigned to the Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was recruiting in Camp Chase; he assisted in the examinations of the recruits for this regiment. His commission was not issued until the 2d of July, although he was with the regiment and on duty for about one month previous. Went to the Kanawha Valley, Va., in July, 1861, and was constantly with the command, much of the time the only medical officer. The duties were very arduous—nearly all of the soldiers were taken from comfortable homes and the exposure incident to camp life caused a vast amount of sickness; at one time in camp on "Big Sewell Mountain," we had nearly three hundred cases of measels. He went into winter quarters in Fayetteville, Va., but as soon as he got comfortably situated the Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry was ordered to Louisville, Ky., January, 1862, to report to Gen. Don Carlos Buell; was assigned to Hascall's brigade, Thomas I. Wood's division. As soon as the troops were organized into brigades and divisions, they were moved out on the road to Bowling Green, where the rebels were in force strongly fortified. We moved out in about six inches of snow, which soon became mud. This was a campaign which caused a large amount of sickness and was very severe on the surgeon, as the only sleep he could get would be on his horse on the march. While in Nashville, his regiment was complimented in general orders for "drill, cleanliness and health." He was with Buell at Pittsburg Landing; here he had a large amount of surgical experience; was appointed Medical Purveyor, and issued many tons of medicines during the siege of Corinth, and settled his accounts without the loss of a single package of medicine; was with his command, which was the first to enter Corinth. During the summer of 1862, he campaigned in Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky; was at McMinnville, Tenn., when Buell's army commenced its race with Bragg, for Louisville, Ky.; at the Perryville fight, followed Bragg nearly to Cumberland Gap, and returned to Nashville by the way of Columbia, Adams Co., Ky. At the battle of Stone River, was in charge of the hospital for Crittenden's corps. During the engagement, was twice taken prisoner; once taken to the Cedar brush by Dick McCan's Partisan Rangers to be hung, but was released by the opportune passing by of rebel Gen. Joseph Wheeler, who ordered him back to his hospital; the second time taken escaped while the rebels were retreating. After the battle of Stone River, was ordered to report to Gen. Straight, who was going out on a reconnoissance to find where the rebel army had gone; was without provisions most of the time and the tremendous rains made every stream a river. Turning suddenly cold on the day of his return, his clothing was frozen so solid that he had to be helped from his horse and carried to a fire and thawn out. Was promoted to Surgeon for meritorious services and commissioned February 16, 1863, assigned to the Seventy-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and joined this regiment immediately at Young's Point, La. Soon after his arrival was appointed on an Examining Board of Surgeons, to examine candidates for Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons, who had been elected by vote of regiments, without regard to qualifications. Participated in all of the campaigns of Steele's division around Vicksburg, and during the battles that preceded the investment, and during the siege was one of three Surgeons who constituted the "Operating Board." After the surrender, he was Division Surgeon for his division on the campaign against Gen. Jo Johnston's army, which resulted in the capture of Canton, Miss., and the destruction of machine shops and many miles of railroad, and the second capture of Jackson, Miss. On the re-organization of the Army of the Tennessee, the Seventy-sixth Ohio Infantry was assigned to the First Brigade, First Division of the Fifteenth Army Corps. In the movement across from Memphis, Tenn., to the relief of Chattanooga, the First Division marched from Corinth, south of the Tennessee River, to cover the main body of troops, who were going by rail. Soon after leaving Corinth, the division encountered about 10,000 rebel cavalry, and fought with them every day until the balance of the army had reached the vicinity of Chattanooga. This was a very hard campaign for the Surgeon, as they never left a wounded soldier to the mercy of the enemy. All of the wounded were taken with the command and well cared for until they reached Stephenson, where the wounded were sent to the hospital, and the command reached Chattanooga and was borrowed by Hooker and participated in the "battle above the clouds." Next day was in the battle of Mission Ridge, and after this was, November 27, in the bloody Ringgold fight, Taylor's Ridge. These engagements following in such rapid succession, gave the Surgeons an immense amount of work. In the winter of 1863–64, on the organization of the army for the Atlanta campaign, he was re-appointed one of the three Surgeons who constituted the "Operating Board" for the First Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, and continued to serve in this capacity until the close of the war. Was constantly with his command during the Atlanta campaign in the "march to the sea," and the winter and spring campaign through the Carolinas. Served four years and one month in the field, and during the whole time he was never absent from his command when it was on the march or in any skirmish or battle, and was always out with a detachment of the command when it went on any expedition, and frequently was out with other commands. He never hesitated in obeying the orders of his superior officer. Never excused from duty on account of sickness. Repeatedly performed all operations that are incident to battles—amputations of toes, foot, leg and thigh, many successful amputations through upper third, and neck of femur, excisions of shoulder joints, elbow and knee joint, and very many of shaft of bones, of ribs, and all manner of wounds of head and every portion of the human system. He was mustered out with his command at the close of the war. In 1866, he purchased a quarry of hydraulectum and built a mill on Silver Creek, in Clark County, Ind., six miles from Jeffersonville. He was successful in business, and invested some of his earnings in a Savings Bank; the cashier stole the money and much of the deposits, and he, with three other directors, have paid the depositors out of their private funds. This loss, with a large amount of security debts, has materially diminished his finances. He returned to Ohio in 1878, and is now engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Marysville, Ohio.

FRED. J. SAGER, County Surveyor, Marysville, is the youngest son of Frederick and Michell (Jolly) Sager, natives of Union County. The former was a farmer and miller by occupation. He built the mill at Unionville and operated it until his death. He died November 6, 1858, aged forty-eight years two months and twenty-eight days. He was the sixth child of a family of thirteen children. He and his brother John owned the land and laid out the town of Unionville. Michell Jolly was a daughter of John Jolly, an early settler of this county. He was a man of literary habits, and possessed a very good education for his time. In 1795, he wrote a treatise on mathematics, which is still in existence in manuscript form. It is an exhaustive work, showing considerable ability, and embraces the science of mathamatics in all its branches, including geometry, trigonometry and surveying. He taught school, surveyed, kept accounts for farmers and served as the educated man of the settlements for miles around. Christian Sager, the grandfather of our subject, was one of a family of six children, and a native of Loudoun County, Va. He married Elizabeth Shover at Frederickstown, Va., and in the beginning of the present century, came to Ohio with his parents, George and Elizabeth (Sheets) Sager. The latter were the parents of nine children. The subject of this sketch was born at Unionville, this county, September 26, 1851. When four years old his mother died, and two years later he was made an orphan by the death of his father. He was raised by three uncles until fifteen years of age, when he went to Delaware and worked his way through the union school and partly through college. He sawed wood, made garden and did odd jobs around town to obtain the means necessary to enable him to complete his education. After leaving school, he taught for two or three years in Delaware and Union Counties, and then began surveying. In the fall of 1875, he was elected Surveyor of Union County, taking his seat in the following spring, and is still the incumbent of that office, having been re-elected at the fall elections of 1878 and 1881. He has made an efficient and worthy servant of the public, and has accomplished work that shall stand as a monument of his ability long after his official term shall have expired. He has engineered over 200 miles of gravel road, and over 100 county and township ditches. In connection with the surveyors of the adjoining counties he has located, established and permanently marked the boundary lines of the county. He was one of the charter members of the Ohio Society of Surveyors and Civil Engineers, a scientific organization, embracing most of the prominent engineers of the state, and having for its design the mutual benefit of its members in the discussion of scientific questions and other matters relating to the profession. Mr. Sager has been an active member of the society, and was elected President of the organization for 1882, and re-elected to the same office for the year 1883. He has made a study of and extensive researches in the land tenure of the State, and has made an especial study of the Greenville treaty line, of which he has thorough and complete information. On October 16, 1876, he married Miss Frances L. Partridge, daughter of Reuben L. and Maria (Wolford) Partridge, two of the oldest residents of Marysville, the latter being the oldest native born citizen living in the town. To this union one child has been born, viz.: Frederick P. Mr. Sager is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge of Marysville. During the rebellion his brother, Francis M., enlisted in Company D, Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and, after a year's service through the campaigns in Kentucky, he contracted consumption, and returning home, died in a few days. The only other survivor of Mr. Sager's parents is the present wife of J. P. Martin, of Darby Township. She is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan Female Seminary, of Delaware, of the class of '68. Mr. Sager also has a half-sister living, who is a daughter of his father by his second marriage to Martha Marmon, of Logan County.

O. M. SCOTT, hardware merchant, Marysville. The senior member of the firm of O. M. Scott & Bro., whose name appears at the head of this sketch, came to this city in the spring of 1866, and established business under the firm name of Henderson & Scott. In 1869, Henderson withdrew his interest, and Mr. Scott succeeding, carried on the business with an interval of two years until 1882, when his brother was admitted to the concern. Mr. Scott occupied his present location in February, 1880, but continued in the sale of agricultural implements and manufacture of tinware at the old stand. The firm carry a stock of $15,000 to $20,000, and occupy the upper floors in manufacturing, and employ from twelve to fifteen men. We may judge something of the magnitude of their business when we record their sales of nearly $75,000 for the year 1881. The subject of this sketch was born in Licking County, Ohio,

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in 1837, and is the second son of James and Mary (Joselyn) Scott, the former a native of Washington County, Penn., and the latter of Maine. The parents, with Hugh, the father of James, settled in Licking County, Ohio, and were among its early pioneers. James, with his family, removed to Delaware County, Ohio, in 1857, where he resided until the death of his wife in 1879, when he came to Marysville and is at this time, July, 1882, living with his son Judson J., in the seventy-sixth year of his age. O. M. Scott gave his services to his country in the three years' call for volunteers, and enlisted September 14, 1862, in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was assigned to the Commissary Department most of the time, but participated in many of the hard-fought battles in which the regiment was engaged. He was wounded at the battle of Bentonville, N. C., March 18, 1865, while acting on the Staff of Gen. John G. Mitchell. He was discharged at Washington, D. C., as First Lieutenant, in May, 1865. He was married, in 1870, to Miss Hattie B., daughter of John Guthrie, and a native of Licking County, Ohio. Four children were born to this union, two of whom are living, viz.: Dwight G. and Mary. Mr. Scott is a member of the I. O. O. F., G. A. R., and connected with the Congregational Church.

G. L. SELLERS, grocer, Marysville. This enterprising citizen was born in Carroll County, Md., November 27, 1832. His parents, John and Catherine (Weaver) Sellers, were both natives of that State, and became residents of the West in 1836, returning to Maryland three years afterward, where he died in 1879. His wife, who survives, is in the eightieth year of her age. They were the parents of nine children, six of whom are living. The subject of this sketch came to Marysville in 1853, and for four years conducted or superintended the tannery of his uncle, John Weaver. In 1857 or 1858, he was admitted a partner to the concern, where he was engaged until the spring of 1862, when he tendered his service to the Union army, and, with Capt. Robb, of this city, raised Company E, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and entered the field in rank of First Lieutenant, serving during the call. On his return in 1863, the firm of Sellers & Morelock was instituted, and the firm erected a tannery east of the *Tribune* building. This firm dissolved in 1869, Mr. Sellers retiring from the concern, and in the following year he associated himself with W. M. Cartmell in the grocery business. This firm dissolved in January, 1872, and Mr. Sellers has conducted the business alone until 1880, when his son, John L., was admitted as a partner to the house. The concern carry a complete and choice stock of groceries, and have a substantial trade. Mr. Sellers has been connected with the I. O. O. F. society for twenty-five years, and filled all the chairs of that order. His marriage to Miss Eliza, daughter of Thomas and Eliza Snodgrass, was celebrated in 1857. Three children were the fruits of this union, two of whom are living, viz.: John L. and Effie E. The family are connected with the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN H. SHEARER was born in Perry County, Ohio, December 10, 1816. His father, Daniel Shearer, was born in Franklin County, Penn., in the year 1781. He emigrated to Ohio, in the fall of 1805, and settled in what afterward became Perry County. He was then in his twenty-fourth year, and was one of a family of twelve children, ten sons and two daughters, most of whom subsequently scattered through several States, and the second and third generations, those who are living, have mostly become isolated and lost to each other. His mother, Martha Miller by maiden name, was a native of Lancaster County, Penn., but subsequently, with her father's family, moved to Dauphin County, same State, and from thence in the spring of 1806, to Fairfield County, Ohio. In the spring of 1807, the father purchased land, and located in eastern Fairfield County, which afterward was made a part of Perry County, in the vicinity of the present village of Somerset. Both parents, it will be seen, were entitled to the honor of being among the early pioneers of that section, and did their full share in clearing out the interminable forests and changing the wilderness into a land of productiveness. The father's name receives mention in Howe's History of Ohio, as having been among the first settlers. He died in 1820, at the age of thirty-nine years, having contracted disease while in the army in 1813, from which he never recovered. This left the mother with four living children, and a partially undeveloped farm, to struggle with many hardships and privations incident to a new country. By prudent management the now "old home farm," upon which the subject of this notice first drew the breath of life, and which he loves annually to visit on account of the early associations connected with it, was cleared up, and in due course of time the fruitful fields yielded a substantial return upon which to depend for support.

The original family consisted of three daughters and three sons, six in all. Three of these, two daughters and one son, died in infancy. The other three, one daughter and two sons, are still living, having came down contemporaneously for sixty years without a break by death. The subject of this notice is the fourth child and second son. The mother, Mrs. Martha Kishler (having received this name by second marriage), died in Maryville, March 9, 1875, aged eighty-five years. His first school term of three months was in the summer of 1824. This was taught by a pious Catholic lady by the name of Catharine McClusky. He and his sister, Mrs. Margaret Brunner, now also a resident of Marysville, aged respectively eight and eleven years, had to walk every day they attended school a distance of two and a half miles to reach the rude school cabin, and in the evening walk back, making a distance of five miles per day, or thirty miles per week, to lay a small groundwork for their education. There were not many Saturday holidays for the teachers in those days. These daily journeys were made for two or three summers. They then moved into another district, and a new schoolhouse was soon after erected within half a mile of their home. Here there was usually a winter term of three months, about two-thirds of which time they were permitted to attend. At this place they completed their education, having attended some five or six broken winter sessions in all. The branches taught were spelling, reading, writing and arithmetic. Geography and grammer belonged to the higher branches, and were not taught in our schools of that day. Those branches were considered unnecessary as long as people had to put so much of their time in clearing up the forests and prepare for more comfortable homes.

In those years, before machinery was called in to do the work, almost everything was done by hand; and it was a boy's highest ambition to learn some trade upon which he might depend in the future for a living, if necessary. By some strange intuition, which has always been inexplicable to him, considering his limited education, the subject of this notice, in the spring of 1836, drifted into the printing office of the *Western Post*. This was the name of the only newspaper published in Somerset, the village near which he was raised. He started in for an apprenticeship of three years. He served the first year with Louis J. Moeller, who during the next year sold the office to S. H. McAfee and J. W. Ream, with whom he served the remaining two years, filling his contract faithfully in all respects; and although his situation during the first year was in many respects disagreeable, no one ever heard him utter a complaint. After serving his time, he attended a three months' term of school in the summer of 1839, which closed up his schooling and gave him a basis for future business operations. In August, 1839, he purchased a half-interest in the *Western Post* establishment, and in connection with several successive partners, continued the publication of the paper till 1844, when he became the sole proprietor. In 1855, the county seat was moved by a vote of the people from Somerset to New Lexington. The printing business, never very good there, was afterward in a manner obsolete. Soon after becoming involved as surety for his supposed friends, he was forced out of business, and learned for the first time by sad experience how utterly impossible it is for a man to assume other people's responsibilities without sooner or later meeting with trouble. This calamity exhausted his effects, threw him upon the cold charities of the world—and they are cold—with many hundred dollars of debts unpaid. Hungry creditors, to whom he never personally owed a dollar, with the sympathy of the tiger, helped themselves to full satiety as far as they could go. He has lived, however, to see some of those men in the same dilemma, and they have learned by experience, what they could not seemingly learn from the ties of sympathy. It is unfortunate that so many do not learn in time that it is not a good plan to run the risk of assuming other people's debts. Through a chain of gracious providences, as plainly marked as ever occurred to the most favored, he landed, weary and footsore, in Marysville, in the latter part of August, 1858, to look out a new home. There were few railroads then, and his finances having become exhausted in trying to meet the clamorous demands of his creditors, he was compelled on the ground of economy to do considerable of walking. One day, near the close of the month above named, he started from Somerset to make his way to Marysville, where an opening had been advertised in the *Ohio State Journal*. He walked from Somerset to Newark, a distance of twenty miles, and thence rode by rail to Milford Center. Landing there, he learned that the train north had gone out about five minutes before, and he was compelled to add five miles more to the day's journey to reach his destination. He arrived in Marysville about sundown, with blistered feet, weary in body and distressed in mind. The situation was desperate, and he felt as though heaven had spread her darkest curtain of despair over him, and earth had closed all its avenues of hope.

The printing office—the Marysville *Tribune*—was owned jointly by C. S. Hamilton and Samuel McBratney, the former a two-third and the latter a one-third interest. Hamilton was from home at the time, but learning from McBratney that the office was for sale, he began making inquiries as to the conditions of sale. The price asked was $1,500, much more than it was worth in its dilapidated condition; but being prompted forward by some strange inspiration, he agreed to purchase it provided the payments could be made so he could be meet them when due. Without a dollar and apparently with a dark future before him, he entered into a contract to make certain payments to McBratney for his share of the office, making no special arrangements about Hamilton's interest. They drew up a paper, stating terms of payment. The purchaser was to have possession of the office on the 1st of October following, which would be at the close of the ninth volume, and make his first payment of $300 on the first day of the following April. The one prominent idea with the purchaser was to get into business again; but for months afterward he felt alarmed at his own temerity in venturing upon an experiment which involved so much money, and had apparently so little of promise in the way of pecuniary return. The article was drawn up in a hurried manner, and both parties signed it. The north bound train being about due, the purchaser hastened to the depot so depressed in mind and spirit at the blind venture he had made, that he forgot to pay his hotel bill. This did not come to mind till nearing Delaware. Notwithstanding his despondency, new providences seemed to thicken around his pathway at every step. On getting off the cars to make the change for Columbus, he felt sadly distressed over this circumstance; a stranger making a purchase of so much importance, and then leaving the town without paying his hotel bill, would not sound well, and leave a dark feature unexplained. He inquired of the bystanders if they knew any one there from Marysville. "Yes," said one of them, "I live there." I called him to one side and explained to him the circumstance of my being at Marysville and forgetting to pay the landlord. He readily complied with the request to carry the money back and explain to the landlord how it happened. The image of this man will never fade from memory. He had what might be termed a rough exterior, but manifested such frankness of character and benignity of countenance that one might instinctively feel at home in his company. In the conversation, he asked "what was your business in Marysville?" The answer was, "purchasing the *Tribune* office, and that the purchaser would be on in a month more to take charge of the office." The reader will never be able to enter fully into the feelings of the broken-hearted purchaser, when that stranger to him, so providentially in the right place, put his hand approvingly on his shoulder, looked him in the face and remarked, "I am rejoiced at this; I own a two-thirds interest in the paper, and it needs changing hands; I am not able to run the office in connection with my other business, and you are the man I am looking for." These kind words fairly unmanned the purchaser and lifted a mountain from his heart. For the first time in his life he found the real meaning of the sentiment, "A friend in need is a friend indeed." They then withdrew to one side and talked over the situation. He was given a full history of him who was soon to be the new proprietor of the *Tribune*. Nothing was withheld, even down to the smallest minutiæ of his pecuniary embarrassments brought on by the bad faith of others; that he wished to get away from his troubles, and if possible, begin life anew. The story, instead of repelling, as it would many others, knit the good Samaritan closer to the wounded stranger. He urged him not to wait a month before taking possession of the office, as was designed, but to come at once, and occupy the ground, giving at the same time assurances that he would stand by the office in every emergency, and assist also for awhile in its editorial management; and if need be, pecuniarily. Fortunately the latter proffer was never needed. This man, kind reader, was C. S. Hamilton. A better friend than he proved to be to the new purchaser of the *Tribune*, and stranger as he was, he makes the declaration broad and pointed, no man ever found.

This strange and cordial coming together made them life friends. They were consequently much together in their social relations, and always respected each other as brothers. The promptings of a greatful heart has caused the stranger a thousand times to exclaim, "God bless C. S. Hamilton." Though dead, his memory is impressed upon the mind as freshly as though these occurrences took place but yesterday. He was a man of marked characteristics; he despised meanness of every kind, and his advice was always in the right direction. A purer, and more warm-hearted man, and a greater sympathizer in the misfortunes of others, Union County never had. He was more than a father to the stranger, in the counsel and aid he afforded him to get him on his feet again. Thus in the good providence of God, he was enabled in the course of a few years to pay off the balance of his surety debts, and Mr. Hamilton in full for his part of the office. The good benefactor would often say, seeing the despondency of his ward, for such he actually was, "Never mind the debt owing to me; first clear up all your other incumbrances and leave mine till I ask for it." With such encouragement, and such backing, the new proprietor of the *Tribune* had a heart to work, which he did day and night, till final relief came by the hardest industry and closest economy. His history since he has resided in Marysville, is as well known to the citizens of the county as it is to himself. He took charge of the *Tribune* October 1, 1858, and for over twenty-four years has published it continuously without missing a number. There are many links in the chain of his experience with men, that might be of benefit to young men who are striving to lay a basis for future business operations; but the publishers of this history will conclude that quite enough of space has been consumed already by these business experiences. It may be well enough, however, to drop this advice to those young men who contemplate going into business for themselves: Have a definite object in view, and pursue it with energy; and beware above all things of assuming responsibilities for others in whose business relations you have no interest whatever. Becoming surety for others never made any man rich but has brought countless thousands to ruin and poverty. Be obliging where you can be, without injury to yourselves; have a due regard for the rights of others, and bear in mind that you must have respect for others, if you wish others to have respect for you.

> "Honor and shame from no condition rise,
> Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

The subject of this biography published a paper in Somerset for nineteen years, which added to the twenty-four years of journalism in Marysville, gives a period of forty-three years in the profession as editor and publisher. He has been twice married; first to Matilda Ream, September 8, 1842, with whom he lived twenty-two and a half years; she died in Marysville, March 25, 1865. Two children are living by this union—Mrs. Dr. Ziegler, of Columbus, and W. O. Shearer, of the *Tribune* office. The second marriage was with Mrs. J. A. Johnson, *nee* Carson, with whom he lived thirteen years, lacking eight days. She died October 22, 1881. By this union there is one son—John H. Shearer, Jr. This last marriage was consummated October 22, 1868. And now in the winding up of this brief narrative, it may be well enough to make an open acknowledgement that life at best is a struggle to those who start out without assistance or even friendly advice. It matters little, however, in the end, what the struggle may have been, so it has been made honestly. The question after all, that concerns us most is the one that has been asked tens of thousands of times along the earthly journey, "If a man die shall he live again?"

HENRY SHERIDAN, proprietor of the Continental Hotel, Marysville, was born in New York City May 23, 1849. His parents, Richard B. and Anna (Hughes) Sheridan, were also natives of New York City. Mr. Sheridan was a carpenter and joiner by occupation, which trade he learned when seventeen years of age. He followed it successfully for fifteen years. In 1855, he superintended the erection of the City Assembly rooms, between Nos. 442 and 450 Broadway, New York. After their completion, he was made manager, and had charge of them until 1865. He was a member of the School Board of the Fourteenth Ward, for six years, and died May 13, 1870, aged fifty years. His wife preceded him April 1, 1863. Henry, the subject of this sketch, was reared in the city, and educated in its public schools. He was associated with his father in the hotel business—managing the City Assembly Rooms till 1865, when they were destroyed by fire. He was then engaged in building till his father's death, when he and his brother, Frank Sheridan, took charge of the Central Hotel, corner of One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, New York City. Mr. Sheridan remained in business at the Central till 1874, when he came to St. Paris, Champaign Co., Ohio. He conducted the American House till June, 1877, when he leased the Continental Hotel. Mr. Sheridan took charge of the "Continental" when it had a very small business, and by his judicious management he built up and established a large transient trade. The close attention which he bestows upon his guests, combined with his genial and accommodating manner, renders him a most admirable landlord. In December, 1882, much to the regret of the people of Marysville, Mr. Sheridan removed to Circleville, Ohio, and opened the New American House, the largest and most complete hotel in that city. Mr. Sheridan was married, January 4, 1872, to Miss Gussie Vanness, a daughter of George and Anna C. Vanness. Mrs. Sheridan was born in Hughesville, Warren Co., N. J., July 19, 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan were blessed with four children; of these two are living—Charles Albert and Henry Chester. Harry LeGrand and Earl LaRue are deceased.

ISRAEL SLACK, was born in Chester County, Penn., September 11, 1824. When a boy, his parents, Thomas and Mary (Roney) Slack, died. He was taken by his uncle, Charles Roney, with whom he remained till of age. In 1836, he came with his uncle and family to Washington Township, Franklin Co., Ohio. Mr. Slack is the youngest son. He was brought up on a farm, and received his training in the common schools. On April 6, 1848, he was married to Miss Emily J. Urton, daughter of John and Keziah (Bishop) Urton, of Loudoun County, Va. They removed to Franklin County, Ohio, in 1827, where they both died, the former January 24, 1855, and the latter October 4, 1852. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom Mrs. Slack is the third daughter. She was born in Loudoun County, Va., April 7, 1826. Mr. Slack resided near Dublin till the fall of 1849, when he removed to Jerome Township and purchased 117¼ acres of land, in 1852, in Mill Creek Township. The following year he located on it and remained a resident there until 1880, when he sold and removed to Marysville. He owns a farm of 146 acres in Paris Township, and is engaged in farming and stock-raising, making a leading feature of keeping fine horses. Mr. Slack served as a member of the Agricultural Board of the Fair, six years, and two terms as Trustee of Mill Creek Township. In the spring of 1882, he was elected to the City Council. Mr. and Mrs. Slack have reared and educated William H. Morrow, and now have a niece, Miss Fanny Slack. Mr. and Mrs. Slack are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Slack is identified with the society of I. O. O. F.

JOHN S. SMART, one of the old pioneers of Mill Creek Township, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, March 20, 1811. He is a son of Isaac and Susan (Swope) Smart, and a grandson of William Smart, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Isaac Smart and family emigrated to Ohio prior to the war of 1812, and settled near Columbus. He was called out against Great Britian, but peace was declared and the war closed without him serving. He died in Hamilton Township, Franklin County, in 1828, leaving six children by his first wife and six by his second wife. Our subject is the youngest of the children by the first wife. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools of the day, which were by no means noted for their excellence. His father died when he was but seventeen years of age, and he was left to do for himself. He spent several years among the farmers working at 25 cents and 37½ cents per day, and $7.50 per month. He sometimes worked for three bushels of oats per day, which he sold for 10 cents per bushel, to be taken out in goods. In 1829, he came to Union County, and worked by the month till 1833, when he purchased fifty-three acres of land in Mill Creek Township. Mr. Smart began life a poor boy, but by indomitable energy and perseverance he acquired a handsome competence. His farm contains 211 acres of land, most of which he cleared and improved himself. He was married, May 20, 1833, to Miss Mary Robinson, daughter of Asa and Catherine (Myers) Robinson, early pioneers of Union County. Mrs. Smart was born in Franklin County May 16, 1816. Of eleven children born to this union nine are living, viz.: Catherine J., wife of Isaac Breckenridge; Joseph T., Olive P., Isaac; Samantha, wife of Charles Richey; Asa, Susan, wife of James McCurgan; William, and Ettie, wife of Silas McKittrick.

John H. and Margaret A. are deceased. In October, 1881, Mr. Smart removed to Marysville, and retired from active pursuits. He and his wife are connected with the Presbyterian Church. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Mill Creek Township two years, besides other local offices of minor importance. Politically, he is Democratic.

ELON E. SMITH, firm Smith & Converse, livery stable, Marysville. Elon E. Smith springs from an old and respected pioneer family of Union. His father (Edward D.) was born at East Montpelier, Vt., July 26, 1818. Crocker Smith (father of Edmund) was also a native of Vermont, who, with his family, selected a location in Darby Township in 1832, where he cleared a farm and passed the remainder of his life. Edmund was raised on the homestead, and has a well-improved farm of 73 acres near the old location. He served the county as Commissioner one term, and has been Justice of the Peace upward of thirty years. During the late rebellion, he raised a company of horse, but on account of poor health did not enter the field. At this time he is suffering from severe injuries received by a kick from a colt, and is confined most of the time in doors. He is connected with the Church Universal of Plain City, and is widely and favorably known. He was married January 27, 1842, to Miss Elizabeth Dee, who died November 27, 1846. Two children were born to this union, both deceased. His second marriage to Lavinia Bailey, a native of Essex County, N. Y., and a daughter of William and Laura McCauley, occurred October 7, 1847. Of the children born to this union four are living, of whom our subject is the eldest and only son, and was born in Darby Township in 1848. He has always followed farming as an occupation until his removal to this city in 1882, and under the copartnership succeeded Snodgrass in their present livery business. The firm, although young in the business, are building up a large and reliable trade. They have good stock, and above all are reliable business men. Mr. Smith was married in December, 1869, to Miss Orinda J., a daughter of Caleb Converse, and a native of Darby Township. One boy (Harry E.) is the fruit of this union.

J. D. SNYDER, bakery, restaurant and ice cream parlors, Marysville. Mr. Snyder is of German extraction and is possessed of the push and enterprise so prominent in that stock. His birth occurred at Lancaster County, Penn., in 1852, at which place his parents, Burnett and Elizabeth (Sentnor) Snyder, settled in the year of their emigration from Germany, 1832. She died when our subject was three years of age, and his father subsequently moved to Columbus, Ohio, and was engaged some years at his trade, a mason. He spent the latter years of his life at Dayton, Ohio, where he died in 1871. The subject of this sketch was married May 4, 1879, to Miss Mary E., daughter of Richard and Catharine Ousler, a native of Manchester, Md. One child (Alice) born to this issue is living. Mr. Snyder is a member of the K. P. and I. O. O. F. societies, and the family are all members of the Presbyterian Church of this city.

J. M. SOUTHARD, physician, Marysville. Among the prominent and successful practitioners in the medical profession of Union County, appears the name of Dr. J. M. Southard. His birth occurred in Adams County, Ohio, December 16, 1825. He was raised on a farm in Licking County, Ohio, and received his primary education in the common schools of that county. He read medicine in the office of Dr. Waters and Dr. Rowe, of Newark, Ohio, when he entered the Starling Medical College at Columbus, from which he graduated in 1854. After attending two courses of lectures in the same school, he moved to this city and began the practice of his profession. He has established an extensive business and is among the hard workers of the fraternity. His parents, Isaiah and Elizabeth (Parnell) Southard, were natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland respectively, whose families were among the earliest pioneers of Licking County. Both are residents of that county at this time, living in the enjoyment of a ripe old age.

WILLIAM STALEY, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Greene County, Ohio, October 17, 1833, and the following November his parents, Samuel and Catharine (Hall) Staley, removed to this county and located on the farm now occupied by George Wilbur. His parents were born in the year 1800, his father in January, and his mother in June. Mr. Staley was by occupation a miller, and in 1825 he built a mill on the Miami River. He died December 29, 1880. Our subject was reared by his parents till twelve years of age when he apprenticed himself to learn the blacksmith trade with John Cowder, of Marysville. He worked at his trade till his marriage, November 21, 1855, with Miss Roxie J. Amrine, a daughter of John and Nancy Amrine. He then purchased a farm near the Amrine Mill, which he cultivated eight years, then removed to Marysville and was engaged in the grocery trade with G. W. Donly seven months. In 1864, he bought his present farm, which contains eighty acres. He has since followed the pursuits of his farm and rearing Spanish Merino sheep. He has seven children, viz.: Julia B., Simon L., Walter M., Hattie, George W., Nettie and Jennie. One child (Josephine) is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Staley are associated as members of the Amrine Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics, he is an advocate of the doctrines and principles of the Republican party.

S. STERN & SON, clothiers, Marysville. This establishment was opened to the public in August, 1878. The house carries a stock of from $10,000 to $20,000, and has a very satisfactory trade. The senior member of the firm was a native of Germany and embarked to the United States in 1847. He located in New York City, and for a short time engaged in the dry goods trade, when he went to Victoria, British Columbia, and opened a large stock of goods, of which he was robbed by the Indians, who carried off the entire stock. He returned East and located again in business at Syracuse, N. Y., where he remained twelve years. He then moved his stock to Delaware, Ohio, where for fifteen years he carried on a large clothing business. Subsequently he took up his residence at Philadelphia, Penn., and engaged in business until his health compelled him to relinquish all active pursuits. Here he remained until his death, in 1881. He was married in New York City in 1853, to Miss Regina Loewi, a native of Germany. The children born to this union all are living, as follows: Ralph S., eldest son, is in charge of the store at Delaware, Ohio; Hannah, wife of Lee Reinheimer, of Fairmount, W. Va.; Daniel S., in charge of the store at Marysville, Ohio. Ralph married Minnie Friedlich, of Piqua, Ohio. Lena, residing at home with her mother at Philadelphia; M. E., also in the Marysville store; Fannie and Satie, both at home.

M. THOMPSON, physician, Marysville, has been nearly a life-long resident of Union County, and his family were among its early pilgrims. His parents, John W. and Sarah (McClure) Thompson, were natives of Washington and Beaver Counties, Penn., respectively. They selected a home and moved to Paris Township, Union County, in 1845, where they both lived and died. He attained considerable prominence, and served the county as Recorder six years. The subject of this sketch is the eldest of five children, and was born in Beaver County, Penn., August 1, 1828. He received his primary education in the Marysville Academy, and in 1852 began the study of medicine. He passed a thorough course of studies at the Starling Medical College during 1856–57, and for twelve years was a resident physician of Pharisburg. In 1869, he became interested in the growth and advancement of Marysville, and further increased its enterprise by forming a partnership with W. L. Miller, and erecting the Marysville Mills. This firm continued in successful operation until 1872, when the firm dissolved, and Mr. Thompson became sole proprietor. The building is 32x52 feet, three stories high, and cost about $12,000. It has a run of four buhrs of stone, and a daily capacity of forty barrels. Mr. Thompson has been quite successful in the milling business, which forms one of the largest manufacturing interests of the city. He was married, May 17, 1857, to Miss Elizabeth C. Hull, a native of Cecil County, Md. The children born to this issue are John H., Charles A. and Jennie B. Mr. Thompson is a member of the Masonic order and the family are connected with the Presbyterian Church.

ALVIN THOMPSON, retired, Marysville. John W. Thompson, the father of Alvin, was a native of Washington County, Penn. His wife, who was Sarah McClure, was born in Beaver County, Penn., where they were married and passed a portion of their lives. In 1845, he moved with his family and settled on a farm three miles north of Marysville, where he resided until 1854, at which time he was elected County Recorder and took up his residence in this city. He was re-elected in 1857, and served in that position six years. They were devoted and life-long members of the Presbyterian Church, and journeyed together earth's pilgrimage until separated by death. His demise occurred in 1875; she survived until 1880. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are living, as follows: M. Thompson, whose sketch appears in this work; Milton, who married Matilda Amrine, of Peoria, Ohio, and Alvin, youngest son and subject of this sketch, who was born in Carroll County, Ohio, in 1837. He was educated in the academy of this city, and served as Township Treasurer, and Clerk, and Corporation Clerk for some years. At the breaking-out of the rebellion, in 1861, he joined the forces of the Union army, in Company D, of the First Ohio Cavalry, and served in the field over three years. He participated in the battles of Stone River, December 31, 1862; Chattanooga, Tenn., August 21, 1863, and the Atlanta campaign, July 29 to August 1, 1864. He was appointed Postmaster of Marysville under President Johnson in 1867, which position he occupied until 1880. Subsequently, he engaged in the mercantile trade a short time, when he retired from the active pursuits of life. He was married in 1865, to Miss Ellen P., daughter of the Rev. James Smith, an eminent divine of the Presbyterian Church, and one of Union County's early pioneers. He officiated in the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church of this city until near the close of his life, and was a pastor who lived in the hearts of his people, beloved and respected by all. Mr. Thompson is a member of the I. O. O. F., the G. A. R., and the father of two children, both of whom are living, viz.: Ella M. and Mary D. The family are connected with the Presbyterian Church.

REV. HOMER THRALL, pastor of the Congregational Church, Marysville, was born in Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio. October 27, 1832. He is a son of Linus G. and Lucy (Walcott) Thrall, the former a native of Rutland, Vt., and the latter of Washington County, Ohio. His father removed to Licking County, Ohio, in 1815, where our subject was born and reared. He was educated in Kenyon College, of Gambier, Ohio, from which institution he graduated in 1853. He took up the reading of law and prosecuted its studies with Buckingham & White, of Newark, and subsequently with Judge L. P. Marsh, of Zanesville; he was admitted to the Muskingum County bar in 1855, and the next year he went to Ottumwa, Iowa, and taught school; returning to Ohio, he resumed the profession which he followed till the rebellion broke out. He recruited Company B, of the Seventeenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for the three-months' service. He was chosen its Captain and served till the expiration of the term, when he returned home and organized Company D, of the Twenty-Second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was elected Captain, and acted in this capacity till November, 1862, when he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was engaged in the following important battles: Fort Donelson, Shiloh, siege and battle of Corinth, and siege of Vicksburg, after which he, with his regiment, were transferred to Arkansas, and accompanied Gen. Steele on his expedition to Little Rock, thence to Brownsville, Tenn., and subsequently to Camp Dennison, Ohio, where he was discharged in November, 1864, with the honors of a faithful soldier and an efficient officer. At the close of his military career Col. Thrall returned home, and in 1867 entered the ministry of the Congregational Church at Alexandria, Licking County. He served on that charge a year and a half, then went to Litchfield, Medina County, where his pastoral labors continued till December, 1879, when he came to Marysville. Rev. Thrall has faithfully performed the duties of his sacred calling, and as both minister and pastor he is highly esteemed. On October 7, 1863, he was joined in marriage to Miss Emma Boudinot, daughter of Elisha and Henrietta Boudinot. Of five children born to this marriage two are living—Linus, born December 27, 1868, and Joupha, born February 20, 1878. Henrietta, Homer and Freddie are deceased.

AARON W. TORRENCE, sign and decorative painter, Marysville, was born in Greene County, Ohio, August 14, 1834, and is a son of David and Sarah A. (Finney) Torrence, the former a Kentuckian by birth, and the latter was born on Braddock's Field, near Pittsburgh, Penn. His maternal grandparent, John Finney, was a State Pioneer and an early settler of Knox County, Ohio. Subsequently he moved to Greene County, where he died. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was with the American Army of 2,000 men that were surrendered by the recreant officer, Gen. Hull, at Detroit, August 16, 1812. The subject of this sketch was left an orphan when a child, and was brought up in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio. He learned the art of sign and decorative painting, at which he became efficient and successful. He was married in 1854, at Xenia, Ohio, to Miss Jane G., daughter of Thomas Kennedy and a native of Virginia. Mr. Torrence came to this city in 1858, established his business, and in the following year located with his family. In December, 1863, he enlisted in the Second Brigade, Sixth Army Corps Band, and served until the close of the war. He was through the battles of the Wilderness, with Gen. Grant, at Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and Monocacy. Returning to the peaceful pursuits of life, he has since industriously worked at his trade. The eldest of his three children, Ida, is the wife of Ira Gordon, a clerk in the Surgeon General's office at Washington, D. C.; Abba and Emma reside at home. Mr. Torrence is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has been connected with the I. O. O. F. Society for the past twenty years. Politically, he is a thorough and stanch Republican.

GEORGE TRAPP, farmer and brick manufacturer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, October 20, 1848. He is the eldest son of Frederick and Elizabeth B. (Borger) Trapp, who were natives of Bavaria, Germany. Mr. Trapp was born July 12, 1822, and emigrated to the United States with his parents in 1842. His death occurred in Franklin County, February 20, 1882. Mrs. Trapp was born — ——–, ———, and now resides in Franklin County. George was reared to manhood on a farm, and received his education mostly in Central College. In 1874, he removed to Union County and purchased fifty acres, whereon he now resides. February 25, 1875, he married Anna C. Nicol, a native of Union County, and a daughter of John G. and Margaret Nicol. She was born February 12, 1856. Their two children are Maggie M., born February 28, 1876, and Fred W. P., born March 14, 1879. Mr. Trapp is engaged in farming and brick-making since the spring of 1875. He and wife are members of the Lutheran Church. He is a Democrat.

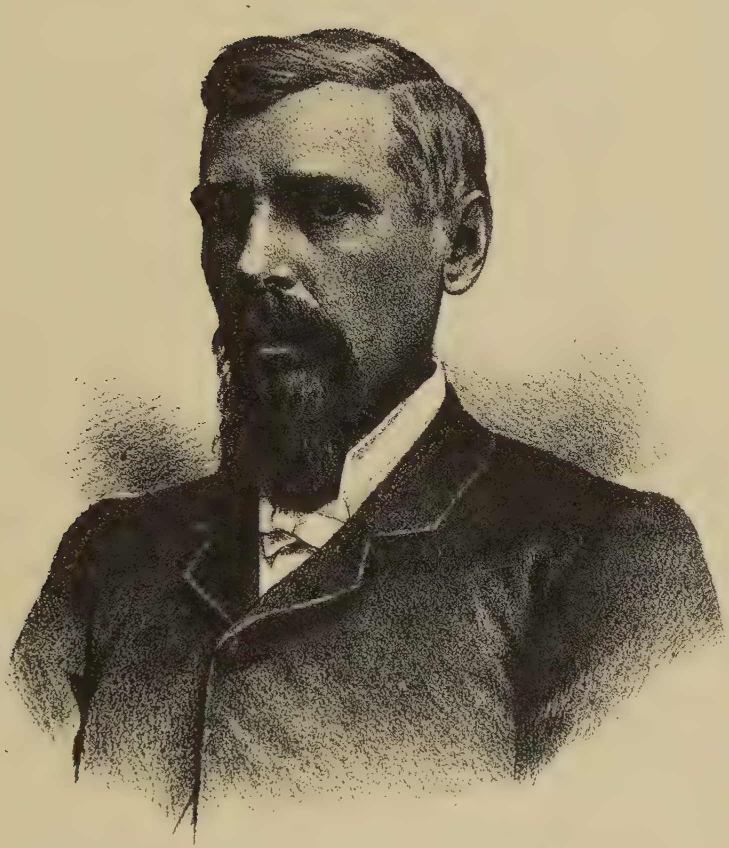
GEORGE H. TURNER, farmer, P. O., Marysville, is a native of Clark County, and was born January 20, 1822. His father, Aquilla Turner, was born in Harford County, Md., January 20, 1802. His parents, Thomas and Jemima Turner, migrated to the West, and settled in Clark County about 1807. They removed to Madison County in 1824–25, and in 1837 to Paris Township, Union County, where they both died in old age. Aquilla married Frances Judy, a native of Greene County, Ohio, and had ten children—five sons and five daughters. Mr. Turner died in January, 1871, and Mrs. T. is deceased. George is the eldest child. He was brought up on a farm and received his training in the common schools, and followed the pursuit of teaching five years. He was married October 18, 1859, to Mercy Barker, a daughter of John and Polly Barker. She was born near Marysville January 7, 1832. Of seven children by this marriage five are living: Henderson, Olive A., a teacher; James M., Mercy S. and Frances. Mr. Turner assisted his father in clearing up a farm of 191 acres of land, which was situated in woods when they first located it. In 1847, our subject bought seventy-five acres, and has occupied it since 1860. He has added to his first purchase till he has become the owner of 220 acres of well improved land. His occupation has always been that of the independent farmer. He and wife are associated as members of the Christian Church. Politically, he is a Republican.

H. C. VOSBURY, furniture dealer, Marysville. This gentleman springs from the Empire State, and was born in Broome County, N. Y., in 1847. In the pursuit of business he started Westward in 1865, finding a location in this city, where he became engaged with a produce merchant. Two years afterward, he embarked in the same business at Columbus, Ind., which he pursued until 1871, when he returned to Marysville, and in 1875 opened a furniture store in the Husten building. In the spring of 1878, he occupied his present commodious quarters, which he has thoroughly stocked with a complete assortment of furniture, caskets, etc. He carries on undertaking, in which department he has invested considerable capital. He has an eye to business, and has succeeded in securing a large patronage. His father, Ambrose S., was a native of Broome County, N. Y., where he died in 1862. His mother, Harriet E. Tyrrell, was born in the same county, where she resided until the fall of 1882, when she moved to Nebraska. Mr. V. was married in 1870 to Miss Mary J., daughter of R. L. Partridge, of this city. He is a member of the Masonic order and I. O. O. F. society.

DWIGHT WEBB, Postmaster, Marysville. Genial, social Dwight Webb is a fine type of New England stock. His parents, William R. and Harriet (Clark) Webb, were both natives of Connecticut, and among the pioneers of Clark County, Ohio. In 1850, the family moved and settled near Milford Center, Union County, Ohio, where they are at this time living. The subject of this sketch is the oldest of five living children, and was born in Clark County, Ohio, November 2, 1841. He was raised on a farm, and learned to labor with his hands. In August, 1861, he joined the ranks of the Union army, in Company B, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was returned home from Vicksburg January 25, 1864, to recruit for a commission as Second Lieutenant, which was received February 5, 1864, and was again promoted First Lieutenant October 12, and placed in charge of Company F. July 18, 1865, he was promoted to a Captaincy, and was serving in that rank at the close of the war. He was a participant in twenty battles and skirmishes. Among the principal battles were Harper's Ferry, Va., May 28 and September 12, 1862; rear of Vicksburg and siege of that stronghold, May 18 to July 4, 1862; Maryland Heights, Va., July 4 and 7, 1864; siege of Atlanta, July 22 to September 2, 1864, and in the grand march with Sherman to the sea. He was taken prisoner while on a reconnoissance at Pocotaligo, S. C., and sent to Charleston, S. C., and, with four comrades, was placed under the charge of William J. Gayner, an attorney, and at that time Provost Marshal of that city. They were confined in a room over his office, and were well cared for by this gentleman, who undoubtedly entertained Union sentiments and was loyal at heart. They were afterward removed to the residence of his mother, and when paroled, February 16, 1865, left their cozy quarters, where they were found by the Union soldiers. James E., a brother of Mr. Webb, was killed at Harper's Ferry. Returning to peaceful pursuits, Capt. Webb engaged in the mercantile trade for six years at Milford Center, at the expiration of which time he disposed of his stock in trade, and, with a purchase of horses, crossed the ocean to England. After three months absence he returned, and visited the oil regions of Pennsylvania. Here he made unfavorable investments, and returned to this city in 1872. In the spring of the same year he formed a copartnership with B. W. Keyes in the grocery business, with whom he was associated until his appointment as Postmaster of Marysville, in 1880. In this capacity he has proved himself worthy of the important position, and as a citizen, a public officer, a tried soldier and a man, he is highly esteemed. He was married in 1863 to Miss Daphne, a daughter of Andrew Keyes, a pioneer of Union County, of which she is a native. Three children were born to this issue, two of whom are living, viz.: Clara A. and William A.

CONRAD WEIDMAN, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, April 11, 1833. His parents, Louis and Elizabeth (Gates) Weidman, emigrated to the United States when he was but five years of age, and settled in Paris Township, this county, where Mr. Weidman died in March, 1863. Mrs. Weidman's death occurred February 15, 1882. Conrad remained on his father's farm till eighteen years of age, when he took up the saddler's trade and worked at it five years, then learned carpentering; which he followed till 1876, when he removed near Dover, and in April of 1877, he took possession of his present farm which contains 104 acres. October, 1858, he was joined in marriage to Mary Van Drow, who bore him eight children—Lizzie, Theodore, Lu Tell, James, Charlie, Tillie, Trusilla and Luther, deceased. Mrs. Weidman is a daughter of John and Margaret Van Drow. Mr. W. and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics, Mr. W. is a Democrat.

EDWARD WELLER, tile manufacturer, Marysville. The first tile manufactured in Union County, was produced by Edward Weller in about 1855. He learned the trade of his father, Thomas, who was a native of Sussex County, Eng., and emigrated to the United States in 1827. He selected his home in Seneca County, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his life; his wife's maiden name was Mary Rumnens, who died in the mother country when our subject was eight years of age. He (Edward) was born in Sussex County, Eng, in 1808. When twenty-two years of age, he sailed to America, and stopping two years at Schenectady, N. Y., he pushed on westward to Franklin County, Ohio, and to this county in 1834, locating at Watkins. In 1852, he occupied his present location, which at this writing embraces ninety acres of land. The tile manufactory is located convenient to his residence, where he is almost constantly employed; he has built up an immense business, and turns out on an average 100,000 tile per year. Personally, Mr. W. may be regarded as a self made man. He was almost destitute of means, but was possessed of strong ambition, a good constitution, and the natural elements of character and disposition to succeed. His hair is silvered with the frosts of seventy-five win-



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ters, yet he may be found always at work with his men, making every moment valuable through life. In addition to his business he owns in various townships in this county, 533 acres of land, most of which is under cultivation. He was married in Sussex County, Eng., in 1828, to Miss Philadelphia Burgess, a native of that county. To this issue ten children have been born, eight of whom are living—Thomas, who married Finira Layman, and resides in Pennis County, Mo.; Harriet, wife of Nelson Hyland, resides at Kenton, Ohio; Betsey, married Asa Carter, who enlisted in the Thirty-fourth Zouaves, was promoted to Captain, in which capacity he was acting when killed on the field at Winchester; Belinda, wife of David Moore of this county; John, who married Emma Judy, and are residents of this county; Edward, who married Vina Browning, resides at the homestead, and has three children—Ada, Tillie and Nellie; Mary, who married William Guy, and resides in Marion County, Ohio; and Melissa, wife of G. D. Hawley of this county.

J. B. WHELPLY, retired, Marysville. This gentleman added one to the population of Union County March 24, 1827. His father, Joseph, was a native of Montpelier, Vt., who came to this county in 1813, and located in Union Township (at that time Ross County). He was one of the early pilgrims of Union County, and quite an early settler in Madison County, where he subsequently moved, and died in 1837. His wife, Mary Morrow, was a native of Syracuse, N. Y., whose family founded a home in Union County in 1817. Her death is recorded in February, 1882. The subject of this sketch was brought up on the homestead farm. In 1852, he became engaged in the mercantile trade at Milford Center, which he pursued successfully at that point and at Marysville for twenty years, when he retired from the active duties of life. He served the county as Sheriff four years, and was appointed County Treasurer to fill an unexpired term caused by the death of J. R. Russell in 1873. He was elected County Commissioner, in the fall of 1876, and is occupied in that position at this time. He had the entire supervision of the erection of the new court house, the duties of which position he discharged to the entire satisfaction of the people. He entered the ranks of the Union army in 1861, as First Lieutenant in Company B, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the field until February, 1862, when he resigned on account of disability, and returned to his home. The same year he was appointed United States Assessor, which position he occupied until 1865. His life has been one of continued activity, and with energy and sagacity he has made life a success. His marriage to Miss Aspe C., daughter of Marova and Sophia Beach occurred in 1849. Her mother was a native of Vermont, and was brought with her parents to this State when seven years of age. They settled in Madison County where she survives the death of her companion. This union has borne them three children, two of whom are living—Hylas H. and Lizzie.

A. J. WHITNEY, retired, Marysville, was a representative business man of Marysville seven years, and was born in Susquehanna County, Penn., November 23, 1829, and is a son of Everett and Julia (Merriman) Whitney, natives of Connecticut, and pioneers of Pennsylvania. Mr. W. came to this city in 1859, and soon after engaged in the dry goods trade. In 1862, he formed a copartnership with E. S. Pyne, under the firm name of Whitney & Pyne, and the concern pursued an extensive trade until 1876, when the firm dissolved, and Mr. W. retired. The same year he organized the Peoples' Bank of Marysville, of which he was appointed President, and occupies that position at this time. Mr. W. is considerably interested in stock, and is associated with Mr. Winget in the introduction of Jersey stock, having made the first importation and sale of this choice breed in Union County. Mr. Whitney was married in February, 1858, to Miss Ruby Tuttle, a native of Pennsylvania, who died in 1870, leaving two children. He was again married to Miss Kate Peck, a native of Milford, Conn. Three children were born to this union, two of whom are living. The family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GEORGE WILBER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Madison County, N. Y., August 8, 1811. His father, Owen Wilber, was born near Newport, Conn.; served in the war of 1812, and died in Madison County, N. Y., His mother, formerly Sarah Pierce, was also a native of Connecticut, and died at the birthplace of our subject. George was reared to manhood on a farm, and acquired his education in the common schools. In 1829, he married Margaret Miller, a daughter of Joseph Miller. She died in 1833, and left no issue. In 1834, he married for his second wife, Susan Cole, with whom he lived two years and two months, when she died. He celebrated his third marriage, November 28, 1860, with Mrs. Annette Marshall, widow of Joshua Marshall and daughter of James and Fanny Coolidge, who were natives of Massachusetts and Vermont, respectively. The former was born July 24, 1792, and served in the war of 1812. He came to Union County, and died March 19, 1846. Mrs. Coolidge was born June 16, 1800, and came to Union Township, this county, in 1816. She died January 29, 1865. Mrs. Wilber was born in Allen Township, December 8, 1818. Mr. and Mrs. Wilber, have one child, George M., born July 3, 1862. Mrs. Wilber was the mother of nine children by her former husband; of these five are living viz.: James C., born January 26, 1840; Ai, born April 2, 1847; Emily E., born April 25, 1851; Victor A., born September 28, 1853, and Sarah F., born March 14, 1856, wife of Lewis Demorist. In 1827, Mr. Wilber, removed to Lucas County, Ohio, and took contracts on the Wabash & Erie Canal on which he done $ 50,000 worth of work. Subsequently, he returned to York State and in 1860 came to this county and located in the northern part of

Paris Township. During the period in York State before coming to Union County, he was engaged on canals. He Superintended the construction of the aqueduct over the Erie Canal, at Syracuse, N. Y., and was Superintendent of the Chenango Canal for a number of years. During his residence in Union County, he has been engaged in the pursuits of farming and stock-raising. He bought and shipped live-stock to the Eastern cities for a number of years. Since 1862, he has devoted especial attention to keeping fine French horses, in which he has been successful. In 1866, he located on his present farm. He has been an active and useful citizen since he located in the county. He served as Superintendent of gravel roads of Paris Township, two years, and as Infirmary Director three years. He was a member of the Agricultural Board eight years, and one year he filled the office of President. He has been active in many of the more important improvements of the county, and has always performed a creditable part. He is identified with the Masonic Order and in politics is Republican. He is the owner of a valuable farm of 150 acres, besides property in Marysville. Mrs. Wilber's first husband, Joshua Marshall, was a son of James and Charity Marshall. He was born February 28, 1807, and reared to manhood in Columbus. He came to Union County in 1840, and served his township as Treasurer four years, and also as Justice of the Peace. He filled the capacity of Commissioner of the county two terms, and died September 3, 1858. He was connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was an able member. He was a member of the Masonic society. While in Columbus, he superintended the erection of the Insane Asylum, which was burned in 1878.

N. C. WILCOX, firm of Wilcox Bros., dealers in clothing, boots and shoes, and wholesale notions, Marysville. This enterprising house established business in this city in 1879, succeeding J. W. Wilcox. The firm carry a full and complete stock of goods, with an investment of $12,000 to $15,000, and have created a lucrative and enjoyable trade. The subject of this sketch was born in Noble County, Ohio, in 1845. For fourteen years prior to his coming to this city, he was engaged in the same business at Allensville, Vinton Co., Ohio. His father, Joseph Wilcox, was a native of Delaware, and settled in Vinton County, where he passed the remainder of his life. His mother, Mary J. McClenahan, was born in Ireland, and is a resident of Vinton County, at this time. They raised a family of nine children, eight of whom are living. Robert S., the senior partner of this firm, is a native of Noble County, Ohio, and was engaged in business at Hampdon, in that county, for some years. Both brothers enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry in July, 1864, and served until the close of the rebellion. The firm possess good business qualifications, and are able at all times to be courteous, gentlemanly and obliging.

J. M. WILKINS, dry goods, Marysville. We take some pride in the perpetuation of the Wilkins family, worthy as the present generation are, and possessing the persevering qualifications transmitted from its venerable head, for he, the father, was characterized by the luster of honor, nobleness and integrity. Alfred F. Wilkins, the father of our subject, was a native of Saratoga County, N. Y., from which point he made his way to Union County, and settled in the north part of the county, being among its primitive pioneers. He was a professional surveyor, and was elected Surveyor of the county in 1854. His competency and valued services re-elected him to the same position in 1857 and 1860. He was a faithful officer and discharged the duties of that office until January, 1864. He was Deputy County Treasurer, under David D Welch, from October, 1861, to the close of 1865. As Mayor of the city several years, he gave unbounded satisfaction, and during his eventful career, won the esteem of his fellow-citizens, which, cherished in memory, will last as long as life and reason endure. He became widely and favorably known while proprietor of the American House, and at the time of his death, in 1876, was Justice of the Peace. His wife, Harriet J. (Stewart) Wilkins, who survives, was a native of Saratoga County, N. Y., and bore him six children, all of whom are living, as follows: J. C., married Nannie Bradley, and resides in Springfield, Ohio; Beriah, married Emma J. Robinson, of this city; Keziah, wife of Hon. A. B. Robinson; Charles F., married Josie M. Buxton; John M.; and Joseph S., who was married, July 30, 1881, to Miss Minnie, daughter of George Camp, of this city, by whom he has one child.

C. F. WILKINS, third son of Alfred F. and Harriet J. Wilkins, was born in York Township October 7, 1852. When four years of age his parents moved to Marysville, where he was reared to manhood. His education was principally received in the public schools of the town. From 1861 to 1866, he kept a fruit stand on Main street; he was then employed as clerk for the firm of J. C. and Beriah Wilkins, merchants, till March, 1870, when he took the same position in the factory store of Robinson & Robinson. In June, 1876, he became a partner in this establishment, and is an active member of the firm. In 1877–78–79, he was associated with Robinson & Robinson in the manufacture of woolen goods. In November, 1882, he purchased the book and stationery store of Joe S. Wilkins, but soon after disposed of it. Mr. Wilkins was married August 17, 1876, to Miss Josie M. Buxton, a daughter of Darius Buxton of this place. Mr. Wilkins is identified with the I. O. O. F. and K. of P. Politically, he is Democratic.

W. M. WINGET, Justice of the Peace and dealer in Jersey cattle, Marysville, was a son of Calvin Winget, a native of Marietta, Ohio. His wife, Cynthia H. Irwin, was a daughter of Squire John Irwin, who was the father of a large family, and became well known among the pioneer families of Union County. The subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears in this work, was born in Union Township, Union Co., Ohio, June 1, 1829. He acquired his education in the schools of this city, and located at Pleasant Valley, learning the saddlery and harness-making trade. He was married at Milford Center, Union County, November 29, 1853, to Miss Cynthia H. Culver, a native of this county, and soon after established himself in business at that place. He served Union Township as Clerk, fourteen or fifteen years, and in 1875, was elected Clerk of the Courts, of Union County, which office he filled two terms. He was Mayor of the city of Milford four terms, Justice of the Peace many years, and at this time acts in that capacity. He enlisted, May 2, 1864, as Commissary Sergeant, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio National Guards, and served until the expiration of his term of service in August, 1864. He re-enlisted September 2, of the same year, as Commissary Sergeant of the One Hundred and Seventy-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged as such May 29, 1865. During his long career among the business men of this city, he has become popular as a citizen, honored as a friend and neighbor, and respected by all. He has passed all the degrees in Masonry but one, and is an eminent officer of that fraternity, and also is a member of the G. A. R. His living children are Hattie, wife of C. W. Newman, of Madison County; William E., a student of medicine in the office of Dr. Blinn; Lizzie, a graduate of the high school in the class of 1882, and Mary E.

DAVID C. WINGET, retired, Marysville. This aged and respected pioneer is a native of Union Township, where he was born October 22, 1803. His father, Stephen, was a native of Washington County, Penn., who in company with Calvin Carey the maternal grandparent of our subject, crossed the Alleghanies on horseback with all their worldly goods, and located in Union Township in season to plant a crop in the spring of 1801. Returning to Pennsylvania in the fall, they brought their families and selected a home on the waters of the Big Darby. Carey made the first clearing where Franklin now stands, but afterward moved to Champaign County. Stephen lived to enjoy pioneer life but about seven years after his coming. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm, but in early life served three years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade in Urbana, Ohio. He was a thorough and natural workman, and pursued his avocation until unable to do so, when he retired to the enjoyment of his long life of labor and reward. His mother, Hannah Carey, was a native of Washington County, Penn., and the mother of six children. Of this generation but two are living—David C. and one sister, Phebe, wife of Capt. James Curry. Mr. W. was married in 1827, to Miss Rhoda, a daughter of Alex Reed, of this county; of the children born to this union, four are living, as follows: Marion A., who married Anna Converse, and reside at Columbus; Curry, married Sarah Pratt, and reside in Dakota Territory; J. Preston, married Lizzie Phillips, and Harvey H., who is in the regular United States Army, located at Washington Territory. The second child, Calvin R., enlisted in the Seventy-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was Adjutant of that regiment when killed on September 20, 1863, on the field of Chickamauga. Also Curry, J. P. and Harvey, served in the Union army during the rebellion. Mrs. David C. Winget died in August, 1857, and he was again united to Miss Lucinda, daughter of James Reed, a pioneer family. Two children are the fruits of this union, one of whom is living—David F. at this time, July, 1882, engaged as telegraph operator at Catawba, Ohio. Mr. W. was at one time Mayor of Plain City, Madison County, and for some years served as Justice of the Peace, and in other important offices of trust. He numbers among the oldest living residents of Union County.

SAMUEL B. WOODBURN. The genealogy of the Woodburn family proves their descent, in the paternal line, from the old Scotch-Irish Covenanters. The first of the name in the United States was Robert Woodburn, who emigrated about the year 1776. He effected a permanent settlement at Carlisle, Penn., where he was married to Miss Mary Laidley, a native of Kentucky, who died leaving three sons. He again married, this time to Miss Sarah Barr, of Washington County, Penn., by whom he had ten children—Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret, Sarah, Samuel B., the subject of this sketch, Martha, John, Jane, James and William. Samuel B., whose name heads this sketch, was born in Mercer County, Penn., January 22, 1812. In 1816, his family moved to Gallipolis, Ohio, and the following year to Greene County, where his father died in 1825 Samuel, being the eldest son, the charge of the family fell to him. He sought a location near Xenia, Ohio, and for six years was diligently engaged in hauling merchandise from that point to Cincinnati. By rigid economy, he was enabled in 1841 to join his brother John in the purchase of 110½ acres of land in Jerome Township. Subsequently he bought his brother's interest, and laid out the village of New California. He served eight years as Commissioner of the Marysville, New California & Franklin County Free Turnpike, built under the free turnpike law, passed by the State Legislature in 1842. It has since become a gravel road, and Mr. Woodburn continues to act in the capacity of Commissioner. For eighteen consecutive years, he served Jerome Township as Justice of the Peace. During the rebellion, he was an active worker in raising money and men to fill the quota from Jerome Township, and it was largely if not entirely due to his efforts that his township escaped the draft. His hair is silvered with the frost of threescore and ten years, yet his active energies predominate, and he is enabled to bear his part in the walks of men with the full vigor of his prime. His marriage to Miss Lovinia, daughter of John and Anna Henderson, occurred February 8, 1843. Of the ten children born to this union, seven are living—Robert L., Clois C., Florence A., Emma A., Louella, Hamer C.

and Maud. R. L. Woodburn, the eldest son and child, was born at the old homestead in Jerome Township. November 26, 1843, he entered the ranks of the Union army as First Corporal of Company B, Eighty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, June 20, 1863, and served in the field till honorably discharged in February, 1864. His collegiate education was acquired in the Ohio Wesleyan University, from which institution, he graduated in the class of 1869. During the college term he became interested in, and acted as financial editor of the *Western Collegian*, now the *College Transcript*, a semi-monthly devoted to educational matters. He commenced the reading of law in 1869, under the preceptorship of Hon. J. W. Robinson and L. Piper. Completing his studies in November, 1871, he at once began the practice of his chosen profession in this city, where he has since been continuously and successfully engaged since his residence in Marysville, he has displayed an active interest in educational affairs. In August, 1870, he was instrumental in organizing the first Teacher's Association in the county. He has been a member of the Board of County Examiners since 1872, and clerk of the board since 1874. He was also a member of the committee that selected the design and superintended the erection of the fine school edifice, which is a worthy monument to the capacity of the board. From 1877 to 1881, he filled the chair of Prosecutor of the county with the highest satisfaction and efficiency. He was one of the founders of the Building and Loan Association, formed in July, 1872, and acted as its Secretary till the close of its successful career in 1881. In 1871, he became a Master Mason in Marysville Lodge, No. 158, F. & A. M., and in 1872 became a Royal Arch Mason in Marysville, Chapter No. 99. He took the Knight Templar degrees in 1873, at Raper Commandry, No. 19, at Urbana, Ohio, and in 1878 took the Scottish Rite degrees or 32°, at Cincinnati Consistory.

WILLIAM W. WOODS, deceased, was born May 13, 1814, on the Woods farm, on the Big Darby, about three miles below Milford, in Union County, and died at Marysville December 27, 1881, having been identified with the growth of every material interest of Marysville and Union County throughout a long and wonderfully active business life. He was the youngest child of Rev. Samuel Woods, a Presbyterian minister, who settled on Big Darby in 1807, and was the first pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Upper and Lower Liberty the latter having been first located on the Woods farm, but afterward removed to Milford, and the former on the James Ewing farm, near Plain City. These churches were his charge until his early death, April 27, 1815. Mrs. Woods, left a widow with five young children in what was then a wilderness, and with small means at her command, made a farm out of the wild land, with the aid of her boys, educated all her children well, as education went in those days, and even sent one of them (Col. James F. Woods, now a prominent member of the Pennsylvania bar, and the only one of the children surviving), to college. It is needless to say that she was a woman of great energy, but she also possessed in a high degree those rarer qualities, good judgment, sound common sense, and an industry and perseverance that no obstacle could defeat. Added to these, her high moral and social standing made her a woman of mark in her town and neighborhood.

William received something more than a common school education, having been for sometime in a select school, under the instructions of Hon. John Gabriel, who was a thorough scholar and a teacher of more than ordinary force and influence, and Judge Woods, in after life, often spoke gratefully of the instructions he received in this school. Otherwise his life, until twenty-one, was scarcely more eventful than that of other boys on similar farms. It had enough of hard work, few comforts, and no luxuries, but it sent him into active business life a clean man, with no vices, a constitution like iron, and such physical health as few men enjoy. Life on the farm did not fill the measure of his ambition, but throughout his busy career he never lost his interest in farm operations. Even when engaged in several business enterprises, any one of which would have been burden enough for an ordinary man, no farmer in the county was better informed as to market prices of all farm products, and he was, in nearly all cases, a wise counselor, as thousands of friendly farmers who came to him again and again for advice can testify. And his knowledge of the duties of farm work and stock-raising was always a surprise to those who knew what treasures his well-stored mind possessed in other directions. His first experience in business was as an itinerant book-agent, in Pittsburgh, Penn., and while only moderately successful, it was rich enough in experience, and he was an apt scholar. He never forgot this early experience, and always had a warm side for book-agents and roving canvassers of every sort, always receiving them with kindness and encouragement, and generally with something more substantial than sympathy. When this venture had lost its charm, he went to the old home of his parents in Washington and Westmoreland Counties, and embarked in business, but soon sold out and returned to Union County, and in August, 1837, located permanently in Marysville, forming a partnership with Stephen McLain, in a general mercantile business. The partnership lasted but a few months, but Mr. Woods continued the business successfully up to 1840, building up a prosperous trade. In the meantime, in 1839, he had married Miss Martha J. Thompson, who survives him.

The year 1840 was the turning point of his business life. He bought and slaughtered hogs with the expectation of large profits; packed the pork, and shipped it to Montreal, Canada, where he sold it in the spring of 1841, at a loss that left him a bankrupt—about $13,000 in debt, and with only $3,000 in assets—$2,000 in gold, the proceeds of his sales of pork, and the balance in notes. A debt of $10,000, in those early days, was appalling, greater than one of $150,000 would be now, but Judge Woods never faltered in the determination to pay every dollar of it. Right here he faced the very serious question whether he ought to apply his assets to his indebtedness, or hold it as capital. After advising with friends, he took the latter course, securing his larger debts by his brother's indorsement, giving notes held by him as collateral for smaller debts, and thus securing an extension of time on most liabilities. He then addressed himself to his work with that matchless energy and judgment that marked the whole of his subsequent career.

His first move was to purchase depreciated bank paper. At the time of his failure in 1841, many of the banks in the West had failed, among them those at Urbana, Granville, West Union and many others. Their paper, in ordinary business, was worth but a small per cent, but by law, the bank issuing it was compelled to take it at par on debts owing to it. Mr. Woods' plan was to hunt up debtors of these banks and arrange to pay their debts to the bank. He then bought up the depreciated paper at a large discount, paid the debts, taking a mortgage or deed on the land on which the debts were levied, the debtors getting a share of the profits, and an extension of time. The profits of this business were $5,000 in one year, but the success was won by an amount of work that few could have accomplished in the same time. The money was bought of brokers in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Time after time Mr. Woods visited those cities, traveling always on horseback, and frequently when the roads were at their worst. But neither bad roads nor bad weather could discourage him. When the time came to go, he always started.

The business of the first year had exhausted his money. It had been faithfully applied to the payment of his debts, but one half of his liabilities still stood against him. In casting about to find some other means to meet these debts, which he regarded as sacred, he formed a partnership with Mains Wasson, in the mercantile trade, Mr. Wasson furnishing the capital and credit, and Mr. Woods contracting to do the work of the firm. This was in 1842, and times were hard and selling goods unprofitable. The people were poor, and if goods were sold, they must be sold on credit, and credit of indefinite length at that, but Mr. Woods was equal to the occasion. When customers owed and could not pay money, he would arrange with them to take stock, grain, or any sort of produce that he could market, and thus turn his goods into money and win trade. The business grew rapidly and prospered, and help was needed to do the work of the store, but Mr. Wasson held to the contract, and Mrs. Woods stepped in to aid her husband, keeping the books and doing other work in the store, so that, with the aid of a boy, he was able to carry on the business at a slightly increased expense. So the business went on until 1850. Times had improved, and the business had been highly profitable to both partners. Mr. Woods' debts were paid, dollar for dollar, principal and interest, to the last cent, and he was once more master of moderate capital. An anecdote of the time when he was struggling with this load of debts will give some idea of his wonderfully keen insight into men, and his persuasiveness. A farmer and son and hired man were working in a field, when they saw Mr. Woods coming down the road on horseback and at once guessed that he wanted to buy the farmer's wool, and after a hasty consultation, they decided that it would not be safe to sell it to him, as he had just failed and probably could not pay for it. The father went down to the fence, determined not to sell, but soon came back and said, "I sold him that wool." The son protested, but the father continued, "Well, I'd rather be swindled by Bill Woods than to sell to any other man in Union County and get my money."

There was nothing in his after life in which Judge Woods gloried as he did in this manful struggle with an overwhelming debt, and there is no doubt that the ten years of life it cost him were thus well spent, ripening his character, establishing a good credit, and preparing him for an enlarged business career.

About this date, the project of a railroad was started; Judge Woods, always public spirited, subscribed and paid $1,000 to the stock of the company, though he could ill afford such a sum, and rendered other aid that was invaluable. From 1850 to 1854, he again engaged in mercantile trade, and carried on the ashery business, on a large scale, the latter business being very profitable for several years. When the railroad was finished, he built the grain ware house, still in use in Marysville, and began dealing in grain, and at the time of his death the firm of which he was the head, practically controlled the grain trade for twenty miles along the railroad, a monopoly, it must be said, which was never abused.

In 1854, Mr. Woods left the mercantile business permanently, and established the Bank of Marysville, in company with Mr. H. Anderson, of Marysville, and J. C. Evans, of Delaware. Later, Mr. Woods purchased the interests of his partners, and made a new alliance with Hon. C. S. Hamilton and Mr. David Welch, as partners, and Mr. T. J. Buxton, now President of the City Bank of Minneapolis, Minn., as Cashier. After the tragic death of Mr. Hamilton, another change took place, and the firm of Fullington, Phellis & Woods, was formed, under which title was built up the largest private banking business in Ohio, outside of the larger cities.

In addition to these various enterprises, several of which were carried on simultaneously, and in all of which he was the master spirit, he was interested, from time to time, in the purchase of wool, stock, and other farm products. He also bought and sold real estate, especially farm property, and was for several years the responsible head of the Marysville Lumber & Butter Tub Company, which, though not profitable in itself, gave employment to many men, and gave an impulse to the growth of Marysville, where such help was much needed. In 1875, he bought a large tract of fertile farming land in Minnesota, and at the time of his death, owned several of the finest stock and wheat farms, one of 2,400 acres, in that distant State. To all these interests he gave a more or less close personal supervision, and possessed a knowledge of details in each, that was scarcely less than marvelous, and which gave some hint of what he might have accomplished if he had early cast his lot in a large city, where, while following a single line of business, he might have found a field broad enough for the exercise of his unparalleled energies, without constantly pushing out in new directions. As it was, beginning in 1841, loaded with an appalling debt, and apparently hopelessly insolvent, he died in 1881, probably the wealthiest man in Union County.

The qualities of head and heart that enabled him to win this success, are worthy of study and imitation. He possessed in an eminent degree a quick perception and sound judgment and business capacity of the highest order. His decision once made, he followed on to the end with rare skill, and an energy, patience and perseverance that often wrested victory from defeat. But above all, he was just and fair in all his business relations. No other man in Union County could rally around him such an army of attached employes. Always courteous and kindly, he added to this generosity in all his dealings as an employer. He always paid the highest wages of the time in cash. This insured him the best service. His employes seldom left him, as long as he needed their help, and when they began life or business for themselves, he never lost his personal interest in them, and many of those who worked for him by the month, years since, are now among the wealthiest and most prosperous men in the community. They had learned the art of doing business in a good school, and had the secret of success, and few of them failed to consult "The Judge," in all important and in many cases trifling matters of business. In fact, during the latter years of his life, a large portion of his time was comsumed by those who came to him for advice on all sorts of matters, business and personal. The kindly nature of the man invited confidence, and the care with which he considered every matter, even the most trifling, that was thus brought to his attention, insured a wise and well considered answer. Hundreds of Union County men can date the beginning of their success to following wise suggestions given by Judge Woods, without money and without price.

Thus far the character of Judge Woods as a business man only, has been presented, as that was the field in which he was most active. Yet no matter of public interest, escaped his attention. Never an extreme partisan, he took the deepest interest in the results of elections. Originally a Whig, he, at an early day, became an anti-slavery man, and with that strong and helpful sympathy for the down-trodden and oppressed everywhere, black and white, he ranged himself with the Abolitionists at a time when it cost something to avow anti-slavery opinions. While his residence was too conspicuous to be made a depot for the "underground railroad," few fugitives passed that way who did not have a kind and encouraging word, and substantial help from him, before they crossed the bridge over the Scioto on their way to Canada.

Old residents who recall those stirring times will remember the active part he took in several cases when slaves were retaken in Union County, especially that of "Bob and Lucinda," when the excitement ran high, and Judge Woods, with others, employed the ablest counsel in the county for their defense. His part in other cases caused frequent threats of mobbing, and on more than one occasion he was urged by friends to leave his home and remain away until the excitement cooled. It is not necessary to say that he remained at home, ready for consultation in any emergency.

So much for the business and public life of one who, by virtue of his long and successful career, and his identification with every public enterprise, must appear as a conspicous figure in the early history of Union County. That his matchless business qualities were supplemented by a generous nature, as true as steel, and as tender as a woman's. those know best who were admitted to the inner circle of his friendship. At home he was thoughtful for others and careless of himself. In his later years, failing health called for fortitude and patience, but in the most intense suffering, that courtesy and thoughtfulness for others, which made for him so many warm friends, and was the most potent element of success in business, never forsook him, and the comfort and welfare of those about him were always uppermost in his heart. His widow and two daughters, the elder now Mrs. V. G. Hush, and the younger, Mrs. A. G. Wilcox, all reside in Minneapolis, Minn., which, at his own request, was the place of his burial.

Judge Woods was a man of rare social qualities, possessing fine conversational powers, backed by a fund of anecdote and a keen sense of humor. He was also a good listener, qualities rarely found united, and was always a genial companion. To those less fortunate than himself, he was always most courteous and kindly, and no one who was deserving ever appealed to him for help in vain, and it is the poor who will remember him longest and respect him most. No man ever harbored less malice than he. His most intimate friends never heard him speak unkindly of his enemies, and he suffered bitter wrongs in silence rather than depart from that practice which was the embodiment of his faith, "with malice toward none but with charity for all." While a liberal giver to every public enterprise, always ready to do his part, and more than his part, he aided the poor without parade, and indeed with the utmost secrecy. Many kind deeds were unknown, even to members of his own family, until his death brought to light many tear-stained letters, thanking him for help in time of sore need. He never passed a blind begger without giving, without considering his deserts. At one time when visiting Niagara with his daughter, the carriage passed a blind man at a gate, but, not having change in his pocket (he seldom carried money), drove by, and the circumstance was forgotten, until months afterward the daughter, in looking over old papers, found an acknowledgment of the receipt of $1 "for the blind man at the gate," by a gentleman in business near the locality, whose acquaintance Judge Woods had made in his brief stay. His friend added in a postscript, "You made this poor man happy for one day, at least." In the multiplicity of his cares, he had found time to recall this unfortunate, whom he had seen but once, and to whom he had never spoken.

In 1849, when the Free-Soil party held the balance of power in the Legislature, he was (without his knowledge) elected an Associate Judge of the Common Pleas Court of Union County, and performed the duties of the office to the satisfaction of both people and bar until the adoption of the present Constitution in 1851. At the organization of the Republican party, Judge Woods joined it, and remained an active Republican and a zealous supporter of the Government during the war, giving liberally and freely of his means for the aid of soldiers and their families, as well as for all other purposes that could aid the Government in the prosecution of the war. Later he cared little about party, generally voting independently, but in his later years, inclining to the Democratic side, with that generous impulse that always led his strong nature to sympathize with the weaker party in all contest. He was in no sense an office seeker; his taste and ability led him into business, and in that field his greatest triumphs were achieved. He was a man who was always equal to the occasion, and if he had been called into public life, the same sagacity which enabled him to distance competition in business would have soon made him a leader in any public body.

JOHN H. WOOD, notion store, Marysville. John H. Wood is one of the oldest native-born business man of this city. His father, Ira Wood, was a native of Vermont, and among the early practitioners of medicine in Union County. He first located in a log house at the springs, and became a resident physican of Marysville in 1825. He was Justice of the Peace some years, and in 1839 was stricken with milk sickness, from which he died. His wife Margaret was born in the Keystone State, and lived threescore years and ten of her life, dying in 1880. The subject of this sketch was the eldest of eight children, and was born at the homestead, corner of Main and South streets, December 12, 1832. His father purchased this building in 1827, which at this writing remains the only old landmark near the business part of the town. Mr. Wood is a pharmacist by profession, and established drug business upon the site now occupied by McCloud & Brother, in 1856. Two years later, it was nearly destroyed by fire, but rebuilt and occupied until 1860, when Mr. Wood erected the present edifice. The following year the firm of Wood & Fields was established, but was dissolved in 1868. In 1871, he further improved the place by erecting his present business place. His brother Harvey became associated with him at this time, and they opened to the public a complete stock of notions. In 1880, Harvey withdrew from the firm, and Mr. Wood has since continued alone. He carries a very neat stock of about $4,000 to $5,000, and has a liberal patronage. He has served this city and township as Treasurer for the past fifteen years, and is connected with the I. O. O. F. and Masonic fraternities. Mr. Wood was married to Miss Abbie, a daughter of Dr. Rathburn, a pioneer physician of this county. Carrie and John E. are their living children.

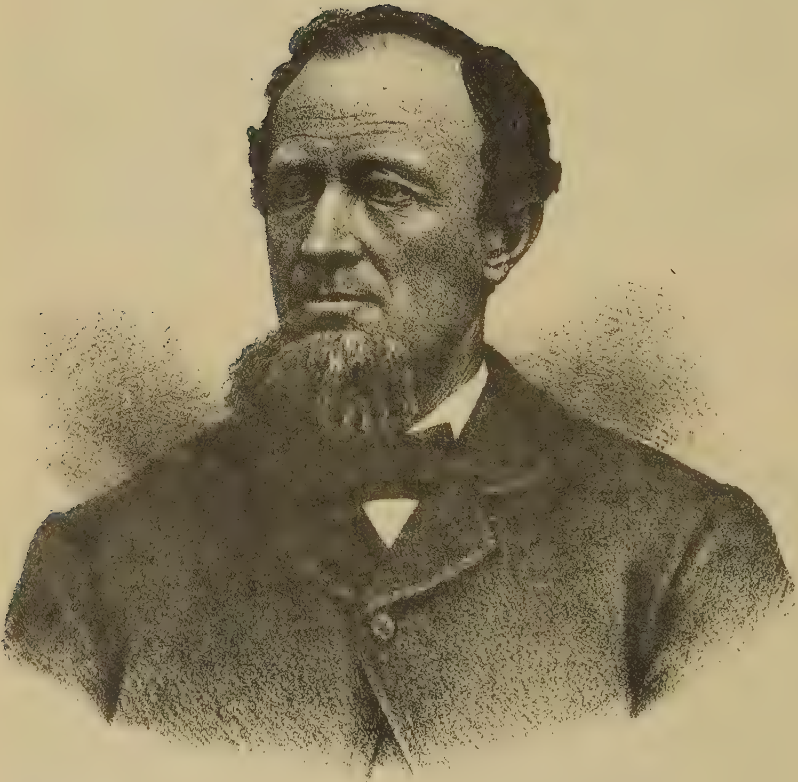
HARVEY S. WOOD, nurseryman, Marysville, is a native of Marysville, Union County, Ohio, where he was born December 10, 1839, and is the youngest son of Ira and Margaret Wood, natives of New York and Pennsylvania respectively. Ira with his father, John U., were among the first families to join in the early settlements of this county. The subject of this sketch in early life was engaged as a salesman in his native city, and at the breaking-out of the rebellion, he gave his service to the Union army and entered the ranks of the Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in April, 1861. He served the call of four months, and re-enlisted October 20, 1861, as private in Company F, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served three years. He received promotion to First Sergeant, in October, 1862, and Second Lieutenant the same year, in which rank he was taken prisoner at Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi, December 29, 1862, and was confined in Libby Prison at Richmond, Va., until May 7, 1863, when he was exchanged and returned to the service at Vicksburg, and participated in the siege and surrender of that stronghold. Soon after the battle of Jackson, Miss., in 1863, the superior officer, Capt. Monroe, died, and Lieut. Wood succeeded to the command of the company, in which rank he served to the close. Prior to his capture, he engaged in the battles of Mill Springs, Ky., January 19, 1862; Cumberland Gap, Tenn., June 18, 1862; Tazewell, Tenn., August 6, 1862; Manchester, Tenn., August 29, 1862. He was honorably discharged November 25, 1864. Returning to peaceful pursuits, he was engaged in the dry goods business at Richwood, Union County, until the close of 1866, when he formed a copartnership with an uncle, in a wholesale notion house at Bellefontaine, Ohio. His uncle's death occurred the following year, and the stock was closed out. Mr. W. returned to Marysville and joined his brother John H. in the wholesale and retail notion business. This firm dissolved in 1879, and he purchased and settled upon his present place, where he has been successfully engaged in the nursery business. He was married, in 1861, to Miss Sarah, a daughter of William and Isabel Phillips, and a native of Richwood, where her parents settled and lived to the close of life's journey. This union has been blest with five children, all of whom are living, viz., Isabel L., Mary P., Annie H., Sarah and Harvey. Mr. Wood served in the City Council four years, and has always taken an interest in all public affairs. He is a member of the Blue Lodge and Chapter of Masons, of Red Men and of the G. A. R. Politically, he is Republican.

THADDEUS WOOD, farmer, P. O. Marysville, a native of Paris Township, was born November 6, 1837. He is a son of Michael S. and Eliza (Thayer) Wood, the former a native of New York and the latter of Crawford County, Penn. They were married in Union County, and were the parents of nine children; of these, seven are living, viz.: Alpheus; Joseph E.; Demmis D., wife of O. J. Cowely; Clarinda A., wife of J. Smith Alexander; Thaddeus, the subject of this sketch; Michael P., and Emily E., wife of William Stillings. Ira and Lebbeus are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wood resided on the homestead till 1865, when they removed to Marysville, where they both died. Our subject was reared to manhood on the farm where he was born. He was married December 23, 1860, to Mercy Reed, daughter of Zephaniah and Siddie A. Reed. Mrs. Wood was born in Paris Township August 30, 1840. They had eleven children, of whom nine are living—Eva, wife of Mahlon Burris, Lewis, Abba, Harvey M., James M., William, George F., and Maud and Rodney (twins). In 1860, Mr. Wood located on the farm that he now occupies, which contains 133 acres. His occupation is that of farming and stock-raising. He and wife are members of the United Brethren Church. Politically, he is a Prohibitionist.

CHAPTER II.

UNION TOWNSHIP.

The territory composing this township was, prior to the organization of Union County, embraced in the counties of Delaware and Madison, the northern portion in the former and the southern portion in the latter. The township, as originally formed by the County Commissioners of Delaware County, included the northern portion of its present territory, and a large scope of the western portion of the present territory of Union County, extending northward to the northern boundary line of the county. After the erection of Union County, in 1820, on the 12th day of March, 1821, at a meeting of the Commissioners of Union County, "agreed, that, the County of Union be divided into townships as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of Union County, running east five and one-half miles; thence north six miles; thence north to the north boundary of Union County, all west to be Union Township." Subsequently, in June, 1822, Liberty Township was erected, embracing all the northern portion to the northern boundary of the county. In 1827, Allen Township was formed, which again curtailed the boundaries of Union. It is now bounded north by Allen and Paris Townships, east by Paris and Darby, south by Madison County and west by Champaign County. The surveys of Union, begun in 1799, were as follows: June 7, 1799, for Lucas Sullivant, 200 acres, Survey No. 3,311; Lucas Sullivant, Deputy Surveyor, January 21, 1807, for Warren Cash, 100 acres, Survey No. 3,196. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., November 5, 1807, for James Waters, 400 acres, Survey No. 3,459. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., May 31, 1802, for Elizabeth Rickman, widow of Dr. William Rickman, 1,080 acres, Survey No. 4,071. Joseph Kerr, D. S., October 26, 1813, for Robert Kays and Lucas Sullivant, 366⅔ acres, Survey No. 4,277. Walter Dun, D. S., October 3, 1806, for Robert Kays, 2,000 acres, Survey No. 4,278. Lucas Sullivant, D. S., December 12, 1805, for Frederick Stanton and Daniel Bailey, assignees, 283 acres, Survey No. 4,735. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., May 20, 1806, for Obadiah Smith, 466⅔



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acres, Survey No. 4,807. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., December 12, 1805, for John Cole, 100 acres, Survey No. 4,818. James Galloway Jr., D. S., George Young enters 100 acres, on the west side of south fork of Darby Creek, Survey No. 4,821 (not surveyed). May 20, 1806, for Absolom Bainbridge, assignee, 400 acres, Survey No. 4,805. James Galloway Jr., D. S., June 8, 1806, for William Heth, 200 acres, Survey No. 4,946. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., January 21, 1807, for James Galloway, Jr., assignee, 80 acres, Survey No. 5,038. James Galloway, Jr,, D. S., January 22, 1807, for Alexander Kerr, assignee, 150 acres, Survey No. 5,127. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., March 28, 1807, for Robert Means, assignee, 700 acres, Survey No. 5,265. James Galloway, Jr., D. S, June 6, 1814, for Thomas Holt, 200 acres, Survey No. 5,291. Walter Dun, D. S., March 27, 1807, for Robert Means, 200 acres, Survey No. 5,301. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., July 28, 1807, for Hugh Montgomery, 100 acres, Survey No. 5,475. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., December 20, 1807, for John Patterson, assignee, 100 acres, Survey No. 5,602. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., February 27, 1808, for James Galloway, Jr., assignee, 200 acres, Survey No. 5,708. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., June 20, 1808, for the representatives of Robert Young, 1,000 acres, Survey No 5,726. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., June 15, 1808, for Samuel Finley, 255 acres, Survey No. 5,740. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., July 21, 1809, for Richard Apperson, 300 acres, Survey No. 6,312. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., July 22, 1809, for Richard Apperson and Beverly Stubblefield, 353⅔ acres, Survey No. 6,316. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., March 10, 1810, for Andrew Alexander, assignee, 200 acres, Survey No. 6,543. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., August 15, 1811, for James Galloway, Jr., assignee, 100 acres, Survey No. 7,142. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., April 24, 1812, for David Comer, assignee, 200 acres, Survey No. 7,406. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., April 24, 1812, for Alexander Reed, assignee, 100 acres, Survey No. 7,407. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., July 19, 1815, for Benjamin Hough, assignee, 172 acres, Surveys No. 7,472 and 7,677. Walter Dun, D. S., October 24, 1812, for Thomas Moore, 1,500 acres, Survey No. 7,491. Walter Dun, D. S., August 29, 1812, for John Graham, assignee, 640 acres, Survey No. 7,474. Walter Dun, D. S., December 8, 1817, for William Robinson and John A. Fulton, assignees, 500 acres, Surveys No. 7,492 and 9,461. Walter Dun, D. S., October 27, 1813, for James Galloway, Jr., assignee, 100 acres, Survey No. 7,734. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., May 15, 1813, for James Galloway, Jr., assignee, 30 acres, Survey No. 7,737. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., October 26, 1813, for Anthony Walke, assignee, 284 acres, Surveys No. 7,770 and 7,836. Walter Dun, D. S., June 28, 1813, for Walter Dun, assignee, 80 acres, Survey No. 7,771. Walter Dun, D. S., July 20, 1813, for Joseph Parrott, 800 acres, Survey No. 7,789. Walter Dun, D. S., July 20, 1813, for Anthony Walke, assignee, 95 acres, Survey No. 7,790. Walter Dun, D. S., April 29, 1815, for John Graham and Gross Scruggs, 260 acres, Survey No. 7,926. Walter Dun, D. S., December 24, 1813, for Robert Green, 195 acres, Survey No. 7,967. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., May 1, 1815, for Nathan Haines, assignee, and Henry Whiting, 120 acres, Survey No. 8,151. Walter Dun, D. S., June 23, 1814, for Henry Whiting, 220 acres, Survey No. 8,152. Walter Dun, D. S., September 20, 1815, for John Graham, assignee, 94 acres, Survey No. 8,153. Walter Dun, D. S., April 29, 1815, for Walter Dun, assignee, 368 acres, Survey No. 8,414. Walter Dun, D. S., April 29, 1815, for Anthony Walke, Nathan Haines, assignees, and Edward Carrington, John Marshall, Henry Heth and Henry G. Heth, executors of William Heth, deceased, 500 acres, Survey No. 8,415. Walter Dun, D. S., September 25, 1815, for James Johnston, Gross Scruggs, John Graham and Walter Dun, assignees, Survey No. 8,523. Walter Dun, D. S., April 18, 1817, for Joseph and Benjamin W. Ladd and Thomas Newell, assignees, 120 acres, Survey No. 9,020. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., November 28, 1817, for Walter Dun, assignee, 95 acres, Survey No. 9,390. Walter Dun, D. S., November 29, 1817, for Walter Dun, assignee, 400 acres, Survey No. 9,494. Walter Dun, D. S., June 6, 1818, for Walter Dun, assignee, Survey No. 9,591. Walter Dun, D. S., October 31, 1818, for the divisees of Benjamin Forsyth, deceased, assignee, 500 acres, Survey No. 9,724. Cadwallader Wallace, D. S., December 18, 1818, for Walter Dun, assignee, 60 acres, Survey No. 9,755. Walter Dun, D. S., April 29, 1818, for Joshua Poythross, assignee, 1,024⅓ acres, Survey No. 9,798. Walter Dun, D. S., June 16, 1820, for Alexander Breckenridge and William Boyce, 200 acres, Survey No. 10,338. James Taylor, D. S., January 9, 1823, for Samuel Smith, 600 acres, Survey No. 12,166. Walter Dun, D. S., October 26, 1823, for Lucas Sullivant, assignee, 366⅔ acres, Survey No. 12,214. Walter Dun, D. S., January 18, 1825, for Walter Dun, assignee, 70 acres, Survey No. 12,239. Walter Dun, D. S., January 18, 1825, for Walter Dun, assignee, 185 acres, Survey No. 12,338. Walter Dun, D. S., December 12, 1823, for James Galloway, Jr., assignee, 38 acres, Survey No. 12,349. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., December 25, 1824, for Joseph Spencer, 8 acres, Survey No. 12,494. James Galloway, Jr., D. S., March 1, 1833, for Thomas Lucas, 120 acres, Survey No. 12,674. E. P. Kendrick, D. S., January 10, 1825, for Walter Dun, assignee, 14⅔ acres, Survey No. 12,749. Walter Dun, D. S., September 6, 1839, for Nathaniel Massie, assignee, 30 acres, Survey No. 14,192. Nathaniel Massie, D. S., Joshua Poythross enters 1,066⅔ acres, Survey No. 9,107. April 8, 1817, Walter Dun and Joshua Poythross, assignees, enter 820⅓ acres, Survey No. 9,594. January 1, 1823, Lucas Sullivant, assignee, enters 64⅓ acres, Survey No. 12,215.

SURFACE, SOIL, ETC.

The surface of the greater portion of this township is remarkably level; a small portion in the eastern part and along the Big Darby is rolling and slightly hilly, while the central and southern portions are a part of the celebrated "Darby Plains," noted for their level surface, and deep, rich soil, consisting of black vegetable mold. Originally, as the first settlers found these plains, they consisted of prairie and oak openings, the former covered with an exuberance of grass, which in some portions grew to an enormous height; some of the settlers testifying that, as they rode through it on horseback, they could grasp a handful on each side of the horse, and tie them together over the rider's head. This is an excellent grazing and stock country, and from its first settlement, the people have devoted much of their time and attention to the stock business. During a few years of recent date, they have given attention to ditching, tiling and draining these lands, which are thus rendered excellent for corn and wheat. Here, as elsewhere, the first settlers sought the higher and more rolling lands, along the streams, upon which they located, considering the prairies on these plains as worthless; too flat and wet to ever admit of cultivation, or even to be habitable. But early in the settlement of this township, colonies from the New England States came here, and, appreciating the true value of these rich lands, with true sagacity and sound judgment selected and located upon them; and although, for some years, they endured sickness, and inconvenience attendant upon the work of first improvement, and caused largely by decaying vegetation, yet now they are possessed of as fine farms as can be found in the State. When these prairies were first taken up, they were purchased for about one-half the price of the higher and more rolling lands, a large area being bought for 60 to 75 cents per acre, now they are worth about twice as much per acre as the hilly clay lands. This township is well watered. The Big and Little Darby, with their many tributaries, drain almost every part of the township. The Big Darby enters this township in its northwestern portion, and courses in a southeastern direction, leaving the township on its eastern border, about midway between the northern and southern boundaries. In its course, commencing in the northwest corner of the township, it receives from the southwest the following tributaries: Watson Run, Hay Run and Prairie Run; from the north or east side it receives Buck Run, which courses entirely through the northeastern portion of the township in a southeastern course, emptying into the Darby at the east boundary line. The Little Darby enters this township near its southwest corner, from Madison County, courses northeast until it receives Treacle Creek, thence flows southeast and leaves the township at its extreme southeast corner. Treacle Creek is its principal tributary, and enters from Champaign County, near the southwest corner of the township, about one-half mile west of Irwin Station. It courses northward about two and one half miles, thence east one and a half miles, thence south to the Little Darby, inclosing with the latter a large tract of probably 3,000 acres of land, and almost making an island of it, there being only an isthmus in the northwest corner of the township, between the head-waters of Treacle Creek and Little Darby, of about one-half mile in width.

The principal productions of the soil here are wheat and corn, the raising of which and the raising of stock claim almost the entire attention of the farming community. In richness of soil, in productiveness and in wealth, this township now ranks as one of the first in Union County.

PIONEERS.

The territory comprised in this township was among the earliest portions of the county to open its broad and beautiful lands to settlement. The first white man to penetrate the wilderness of this domain as a settler, was George Reed, who settled on the Big Darby, near Milford, in 1799. He was a native of Pennsylvania, and became a very useful citizen of Union Township. About 1810–12, he erected a grist mill and a saw mill at Milford, the history of which is given elsewhere in this work. He also laid out and platted the town of Milford. He appears to have been a man of some means, of great energy and industry, and one of the leading active spirits of that day. He died September 28, 1836, aged sixty-seven years.

Robert Snodgrass, a native of Pennsylvania, married Jane Reed, a sister of the above George Reed, and emigrated to this county in the fall of 1800, and settled on the Big Darby, on Survey No. 3,311, where they lived and died. Mr. Snodgrass was a weaver by trade, which business he followed through life, in connection with farming. He died September 30, 1834, aged seventy-six years. His wife died January 13, 1833, aged seventy years. Of their children, Jane, married Thomas Reed, is now deceased; James was twice married, first to Polly McDowell, second to Mrs. Phelps, *nee* King, is now deceased; Hannah married William Porter and died in this county a few years ago; William married Sarah Robinson and died in Marysville about 1840 (the above children were born in Pennsylvania, and those that follow in Ohio); Robert was the first child born in this township, and the third in Union County. He was born December 2, 1800, and January 1, 1828, married Ellen, daughter of Mrs. Jane Robison, who resided on the north bank of Big Darby, in Darby Township, about seven miles below Milford Center. Mr. Snodgrass was born on the north bank of Darby Creek, opposite the village of Milford, in a cabin which stood not far from the site now occupied by the railroad water tank. In his childhood, he had for playmates the Indian children in the vicinity. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding in 1878, and he died on the 9th of February of that year. His wife died in 1879. They had seven children—Samuel, married Nancy Morrison, he died February 23, 1870, aged sixty-six years, and his wife about three years later; George, married Hannah Fox, February 8, 1828, with whom he lived nearly fifty-four years, she died December 8, 1881 (Mr. Snodgrass still survives, and resides with his children in Marysville, Columbus and Urbana); Thomas, the youngest child, married Eliza Galloway, he died about 1879, his wife still survives. Of the above children, Robert, George and Thomas were born in Union Township, were all married the same year (1828), and all lived to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, which took place in Marysville as follows: That of Robert and wife, January 1, 1878; George and wife, February 8, 1878, and that of Thomas and wife, October 20, 1878. Of this family of true pioneers, George is the only surviving member. He removed to Marysville in 1824; was Assistant Clerk of the county, and has remained a resident of Marysville nearly all of the time since. He served as Deputy Sheriff three years. He is now, probably, the oldest resident who was born in the county; is seventy-eight years of age and enjoying good health.

Paul Houston, who married Miss Reed, sister to George Reed, settled here in 1800, about the same time with Mr. Snodgrass. These were, perhaps, the only three families in this township in the year 1800. In 1801 or 1802, came Samuel Reed, first, brother of George Reed (he married Eliza Lackey); Samuel Reed, the second (no relation to Samuel the first); Vandever Reed, David Reed and perhaps a few others.

Three brothers, Richard, William and John Gabriel, were among the next earliest settlers on the Darby. As to the exact date of their settling here, we find a diversity of statements, fixing it from 1800 to 1810; but we think, from a preponderance of evidence, that it was not later than 1805, and perhaps as early as 1801 or 1802. They were citizens who took an active, leading part in the organization of the township and county, and in the general improvements, growth and progress of the county. William became Associate Judge of the county. Of his children, John became a man of more than ordinary ability, and represented this district in the Senate of Ohio; he died January 10, 1872, aged seventy-one years. One daughter married David Burnham; is deceased. William, never married; was a man of great ability, but with many eccentricities; he represented this county in the Legislature, and became quite wealthy. He died January 12, 1876, aged sixty-five years; is buried in the Milford Cemetery, where is erected to his memory a large and fine monument. One other son of William Gabriel, Sr., was engaged in the mercantile trade in Bellefontaine; is now deceased. Richard Gabriel was the father of James Gabriel. John Gabriel was the father of John J. Gabriel; John died January 10, 1872, aged seventy-one years. William Gabriel, Sr., died November 20, 1847, aged seventy-six years. There was a large family of the Gabriels, and many of them took an active part in the affairs of the county and township, and were among its best and most worthy citizens.

Rev. Samuel Woods, father of Judge W. W. Woods, and Samuel his brother, settled on the Big Darby in 1806. He was a native of Pennsylvania; was a noted and popular preacher at an early day, becoming the first minister of the Presbyterian Church at Milford, in 1808; or, as it was then called, "Upper Liberty." He was ordained to the ministry June 15, 1808; he died April 17, 1815, aged thirty-six years. Alexander Reed, brother of Samuel Reed the second, from Pennsylvania, settled here about 1810.

David Comer, a native of Pennsylvania, settled on the Plains, on Survey No. 7,406, about 1810–12, and was one of the first Commissioners of Union

County, a Major of the militia and a leading, active citizen. He remained a citizen here till his death.

John Irwin was born in York County, Penn., and was the son of William and Eleanor (Brisband) Irwin, he a native of Ireland and she of Scotland. He married Anna Steel, of Ohio County, Va., in 1791. In 1806, he settled in Union County, Union Township, on a farm in the southwest corner of said township, where he resided till his death in 1830, aged about sixty years. His death was caused by injuries received from being thrown from a young, spirited horse, soon after which he died upon the farm upon which he first settled in Union County. Mr. Irwin served as a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church of Upper Liberty (now Milford Center), and was the leader of singing in the church; was a teacher of vocal music, and had in his library a large book of tunes of his own composition with pen and ink. He organized the first Sabbath school ever constituted in Union Township, which was conducted for some time in his own house. He sought earnestly the spiritual as well as the temporal welfare of his household, and lived to see all his children (except one, who united with another denomination) become members of the church he helped to organize after he came to Union County. Mr. Irwin was an excellent farmer, and also well versed in the mechanical arts Politically, he was a pure Jacksonian Democrat, and kept himself well acquainted with the political condition of the various governments of the world. He served as a Justice of the Peace of Union Township for several years. Anna Steel, his wife, was born in York County, Penn., a daughter of James and Mary (Harper) Steel; Harper's Ferry taking its name in honor of her father, James Harper. Miss Steel was seven years of age when the Revolutionary war commenced, and was in the fort or block house most of her time during that sanguinary struggle. Her father was one of the minutemen of the army, and kept his knapsack on his gun near the door ready to start at a minute's warning. Her ancestors were from Ireland. She died in 1854, from infirmities of old age.

John Steel Irwin, eldest son of John and Anna Irwin, was born, in Ohio County, Va., about 1793. About 1816, he married Betsey Kilpatrick, daughter of Samuel Kilpatrick, who resided on a farm three miles below Milford Center, on the north bank of Big Darby, where he died about 1844, of consumption. Mr. Irwin served in the war of 1812 as a teamster; was a farmer and teamster by occupation, and in those days of no railroads the latter occupation took much of his attention, in hauling goods for the merchants. He was a stanch Democrat, and served as a Justice of the Peace in Darby Township, and as a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church at Milford Center. He had six sons and two daughters. Archibald Steel Irwin, his fourth son, served in the army in the war of the rebellion, and was killed in Memphis at the time Forrest made a raid upon that town.

William Brisband Irwin, second son of John and Anna Irwin, was born in Ohio County, Va., October 2, 1795, and died October 17, 1878, from a complication of diseases incident to advanced age, aged eighty-three years. He entered the militia as the lowest commissioned officer, and was successively promoted to the office of Brigadier General, in which rank he served several years, and resigned in 1840, having served as a commissioned officer twenty-six years. He was a Justice of the Peace twenty eight years, when he removed to Lebanon, Warren Co., Ohio, leaving the office. A remarkable feature of his official capacity was, that in no case tried before him was there ever an appeal taken from his decision. He was County Commissioner several years, serving in that capacity during the erection of the old court house, and was County Surveyor about twenty years. He was a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church at Milford Center several years, and was likewise leader of the congregation in singing and a teacher of vocal music. After his arrival in Warren County, he was chosen Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church of Lebanon, April 3, 1859, serving in that capacity about nineteen years. Mr. Irwin possessed, when a boy, a natural genius as a mechanic, and when quite young, during the time his father and brother were taking their noonings, he would steal quietly away, and devote his time in constructing a saw mill, and when the time arrived to go to the afternoon's work, his father's patience was severely tried by having to call repeatedly for his son to go to work, giving him a severe reprimand. But one day subsequently, while Mr. Irwin was walking along the creek, the heard a peculiar noise, and upon investigation, to his surprise he saw a toy saw mill, perfect in construction, and running in good order. From this time he never dictated to his son, William, how he should employ his noonings. This was the first and only saw mill ever erected on Treacle Creek. In 1820, he erected a saw mill on Little Darby, about two miles below the mouth of Treacle Creek. He had to go fourteen miles to procure help enough to perform the laborious work of raising it. On this errand he started the evening before, and it was raining and the creek rising, but still he anticipated no damage to his foundation timbers. But after he was gone, the creek continued to rise quite rapidly; his thoughtful wife, becoming anxious about the safety of his timbers, went to the creek, found the small timbers already beginning to float, and with her own hands hauled them to higher ground. When this was accomplished, she saw that the larger timbers were also beginning to float. Hurrying to the house, she tied her babe, seven months old, in its cradle, took the bed-cord out of her bed, ran to the creek, and, wading waist-deep into the water, placed the rope around the timbers and then made them fast to the bushes on shore and secured the frame. Thus, by the thoughtfulness, energy and bravery of this noble wife, the entire timbers for the mill were saved. Mr. Irwin was married to Anna Bigelow June 15, 1818. Six daughters and three sons were the result of this union. James Harvey, the third child, died in infancy. The youngest two children were sons, and both served in the army in the war of the rebellion, the eldest of whom, William Lee, was discharged as unfit for further service, because of impaired health. The youngest, John Russell, was killed at Cedar Mountain, Va., August 9, 1862, aged twenty-one years and two months. On September 7, 1854, William B. Irwin married, for his second wife, Mrs. Margaret Kimble.

Mary Smyth Irwin, eldest daughter of John and Anna Irwin, was born in Ohio County, Va., about 1798. As soon as old enough, she commenced teaching school, which occupation she followed many years. She married Cyprian Lee, a merchant of Marysville, this county, but had no issue. She died of consumption in 1857.

Cynthia Ann Irwin, the second daughter of John and Anna Irwin, was born in Ohio County, Va., about 1800. She married Calvin Winget about 1821, by whom she had six sons and two daughters. Her youngest son, Calvin, died in the army in the late rebellion; she died of consumption about 1844.

James Hughs Irwin, third son of John and Anna Irwin, was born in Ross County, Ohio, about 1802. He was married to Polly Reynolds, daughter of Elisha and Mary Reynolds, of Union Township. Mr. Irwin was a prominent farmer, and in politics a Whig. He was an acceptable church officer, and led the congregation in singing. His wife was a member of the Christian Church, with which he also united. They had four sons and three daughters. Two of the sons were in the army of the late rebellion; Gwynn, the third son, was severely wounded, and returned from the army with shattered health; Duane, the fourth son, died in the hospital from diseases contracted in the service. Mr. James H. Irwin settled on a farm in Union Township, where he died in June, 1841, with consumption.

Isaac Newton Irwin, fourth son of John and Anna Irwin, was born in Ross County, Ohio, about 1804, and died at about four years of age. He was a child of remarkable sprightliness of intellect, and the day before his death gave his mother directions what to do with his playthings, and told her he was going to die. She thought it his childish talk. Early in the evening, he complained of being tired, and his mother put him to bed, and then went out to milk the cows. When she returned, she asked the family where Isaac was, and was told that he was in bed; she replied, no, he was not, for she heard him out singing while she was milking. They went to his bed, and there he was—fast asleep. During the night, some of the family heard hard breathing; they arose and obtained a light, and found Isaac dying of croup; he lived but a short time.

Nancy Milton Irwin, youngest child of John and Anna Irwin, was born in Greene County, Ohio, in 1806, and in 1831 married Thomas Twiford, and settled on the farm in Union County, where her parents first located. She had one son and three daughters. Her son, Smyth, served in the army three years in the late rebellion. She died in Liberty Township, this county, of consumption, in 1871.

William B. Irwin resided over fifty years in this county, and forty-three years of that time on the farm where his father, John, first settled when he was in his eleventh year. He erected the first frame house that was built in Marysville, which was for Stephen McLain.

Joseph Stewart, a native of Maryland, settled in this township in 1807. John Stokes (father of Hiram Stokes), a native of Virginia, settled in 1809, and died October 8, 1817, aged thirty-four years. Samuel Colver, a native of New England, married Miss Curry, daughter of a former Treasurer of the State; settled near Irwin Station about 1808, and became one of the most enterprising and wealthy farmers of this vicinity, and at the age of seventy years, about 1851-52, emigrated to Oregon, where he died. Thomas McDonald, a native of Tennessee, settled on Darby Creek, on Survey 6,602; he married a Miss Teeters, and remained a resident here through life. Their children were John, who married Philomelia Miller, and removed to Champaign County, where he died; Betsy, married David Burnham, both died in Milford; Polly, married James Biggs, and died near Milford; Susan, married a Mr. Davis and removed to Dayton, Ohio, where they died; Nancy, married William Howard, and died in this township; Samuel, married Rachel Comer, and resided here till his death; James, married Adaline Stewart, he subsequently emigrated to California; Charity, unmarried; George, married Roxie Fairfield, she died and he married Mrs. McDonald, *nee* Comer, and now resides in Woodstock; Julia, married James Biggs; and Duncan moved West. Mr. McDonald was an excellent neighbor and citizen, and possessed great honor and integrity throughout his business life.

J. R. McDowell, a native of Pennsylvania, settled here about 1808-10. James Cochran, a native of Pennsylvania, settled in 1811, and died September 28, 1822, aged fifty-seven years. His wife, Mary, died July 28, 1822, aged fifty-one years. John Crawford, a native of Pennsylvania, and his wife, Margaret, with their family, came to Ohio and settled in this township in 1811. Their daughter, Hannah H., on the 12th of February, 1829, became the wife of William M. Robinson, now of Marysville, and lived to celebrate her golden wedding. Her death occurred in June, 1881, when she had reached the age of seventy-six years. She was the mother of ten children. Her husband has been President of the Union County Pioneer Association since its organization. They settled in Marysville in 1844.

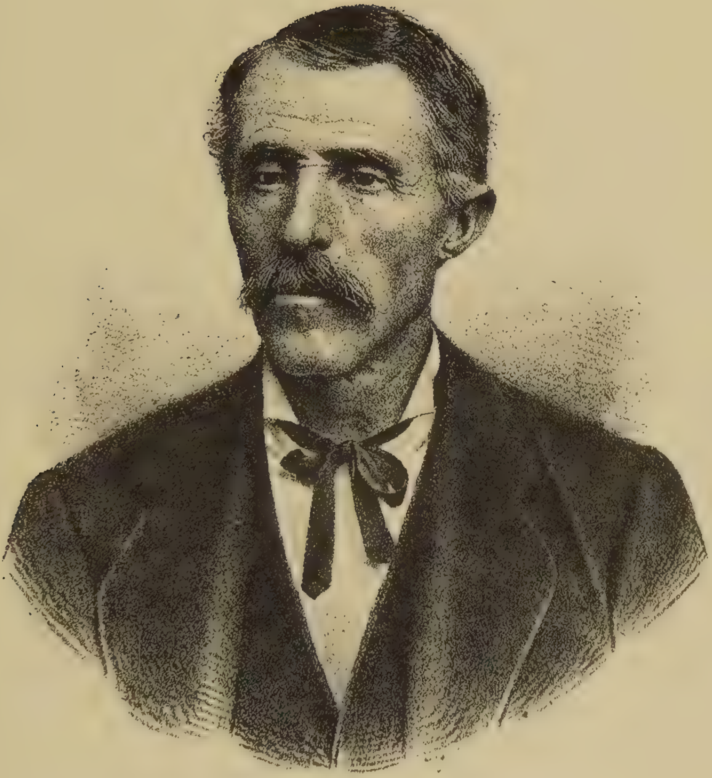
Charles Colver, a native of New York, settled in this township in 1812, on Treacle Creek. Of his children, Standish Colver was born in New York in 1797, and was about fifteen years old when brought to this county. He was twice married; first, to Betsey Lockwood, in 1820; she died, and he married Lois M. Smith in 1840. By his first wife he had the following children: Salome, who moved West; Andrew, never married; Cynthia, married William Winget and lived in Marysville; Harriet, married Mr. Kyle, and resides near Greenfield, Ohio; Abi, deceased: Jerome, died young; and Cyrus, it is believed, also died young. By his last wife he had four children—Horace; Josephine, married William Snodgrass and resides near Woodstock; Abi; and Emma, who married a Mr. Goldsmith. Standish Colver was a millwright by trade, and erected several mills during his life. He died November 15, 1882, aged eighty-five years, having resided in this township threescore and ten years—more than the allotted period of man's life. Religiously, he was a Universalist; as a neighbor, kind and generous, and as a citizen, worthy of and possessing the confidence of his entire community.

John Parthemore, a native of Pennsylvania, came to this township and settled in 1812. Andrew Gill, from near Cincinnati, located about 1812. He came here a single man, married the Widow Cary, and settled on the Cary farm, where they remained residents till their death. Their children were as follows: John, died unmarried; Margaret, died unmarried; David, deceased, married Eleanor Piper; Jesse, married Jane Cochran, is deceased; James, became a minister of the Presbyterian Church, and married a Miss McLain (he served as Clerk of the Court of this county several years; finally entered the ministry, laboring in that cause for many years; he died in Cincinnati in 1880–81); Israel, is deceased. The above were his chldren by his previous wife. By his last wife, Mrs. Cary, he had two children; Mason, who married and resided on the home place till his death, about middle age, and one daughter. Mr. Andrew Gill died September 18, 1829, aged sixty-two years. Warren Rose, a native of New York, settled here about 1812–14; he married Lucy Hibbard. They had several children; some died here and some moved away; one son died in the army in the war of the rebellion. Mr. Rose was a tanner by trade, which business he followed through life, and was the second tanner in the township. Mr. Frankelberger, of whom he learned his trade, at Milford, and then became his successor in the business, was the first.

Levi Phelps became a settler here about 1812–14; was one of the early teachers of this township, and a surveyor.

Hugh and John Porter, natives of Pennsylvania, became early settlers of this township; the former about 1813, and the latter in 1817. The latter became Associate Judge of the county, and both were prominent, active and useful citizens. William Porter, now a resident of the north part of Union Township, so well and favorably known, is a son of Judge John Porter, who died October 31, 1838, aged sixty-one years. His wife, Susanna, died August 14, 1824, aged forty-three years.

Judge Robert Nelson, a native of Pennsylvania, came to this township in 1813, and settled on a large tract of land which he purchased on Survey 6,602. He married Martha Mitchell. daughter of David Mitchell, one of the early pioneers. They had no issue. Mr. Nelson was one of the first Commissioners of Union County; was a thorough, energetic, business man, and became quite wealthy; was an Associate Judge several years, a most excellent man and a worthy citizen. In religion, a Seceder, or member of the United Presbyterian



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Church. In the latter part of his life, he retired from all active business, and died in Darby Township.

William C. Piper was a native of Washington County, Penn., of Scotch-Irish parentage. His father was Robert Piper, who emigrated, with his brother James, from Ireland when both were single men. William C. was the only son of a family of six children, and when eight years old—in 1814—emigrated with the family, and came down the Ohio River to Portsmouth, Ohio, and from there traveled northward, through the then dense wilderness, in a wagon, finally reaching the southern boundary of what is now Union County, and settled on a farm on the south side of Big Darby Creek, near the east line of what is now Union Township. As soon as the family was settled, Robert Piper, in company with Joseph Dodds, who in after years became a resident of Marysville, returned to Portsmouth after the goods. On the homeward trip, Mr. Piper was taken sick and suddenly died. It was a great blow to the family, but they found friends, and the future brought them prosperity. William C. took care of the family until he arrived at manhood. In 1835, he married Hannah P. Gabriel, eldest daughter of Richard Gabriel, and became the father of seven children, of whom six survived their father, the mother alone being left to mourn his loss. Mr. Piper was for thirty-four years a Trustee of Union Township, and then refused to serve longer. He lived, during the whole of his married life, on a farm on the west side of Buck Creek, at its junction with Big Darby Creek, nearly opposite the first location of his father in 1814. William C. Piper was an honored, respected, intelligent and worthy citizen. He died May 29, 1876, aged seventy years.

This brings us in the history of the early settlers of Union Township to the period of the "Post Road Settlement," between Pleasant Valley and Irwin Station, which was made in 1813–14. Concerning this settlement, in April, 1882, was published an article written by John F. Sabine, of Marysville, in the Marysville *Tribune*, from which we extract the following: "In giving a history of the first settlement of the southern portion of Union County, I will have to go back to the beginning of this century. At this time great inducements were held out to the people of the States to form settlements in Canada East. Consequently, many persons from the neighboring State of Vermont went over the line, and very soon built up a flourishing and prosperous settlement. They remained there, prosperous and happy, until the year 1812, when the difficulties between the United States and Great Britain terminated in a war. These people, being Revolutionary soldiers, or their descendants, had too much of the spirit of '76 in them to take up arms against their countrymen, or even remain quiet spectators of the conflict; so they resolved to leave the Dominion of His Majesty George III. Accordingly, on the 20th of September of that year, the first installment took up their line of march for the far West. They were composed of the following families: Russell Bigelow (father of the celebrated Rev. Russell Bigelow), Moses Patrick, Asa Plummer, Joab Hoyt, Amos Hawley, Dr. Gideon Hawley, Peris and Joseph Walton and Nehemiah Sabine. After a tedious journey of more than six weeks, they arrived at Worthington, Ohio. The next summer, 1813, in looking for a place of permanent residence, they made choice of the Darby Plains, until then a barren waste, made purchases and built their cabins, which most of them were able to occupy late in that year or early in the next. One, Joseph Green, from the State of New York, was the first man to occupy his cabin; and for a long time it was known as the Green settlement.

"The following year, 1814, another installment from the same place followed in the wake of their predecessors, and settled with us, to wit: Israel Lockwood, James Dockum and Stephen Jackson; also, Ephraim Keyes, Obadiah Janes, from Vermont; Uriah Wood and Col. Jacob Fairfield, from the State of New York. These families constituted what was then known as the 'Green settlement,' on the Post road in what is now known as Union Township. Another, east of this, on the same road, in Darby Township, was formed at the same time, and was known as the 'McCloud settlement,' the two extending from Irwin Station to Plain City, a distance of eleven miles. This Post road was established during the war, for the purpose of conveying the mail from Worthington to Urbana, then very important towns in Central Ohio. There were but two intermediate post offices, Darby Creek and Dublin. The former was kept by James Ewing, one of the first settlers, and was for a long time the only office in what is now Union County. Most of the families composing the Green settlement were very large, many of them numbering from ten to twelve souls. By this it can be seen that we were not destitute of material to receive the benefits of free schools, which were soon put into operation, my father being the first teacher. But sickness soon made its appearance among us to an alarming extent, in a short time decimating the inhabitants by death. This state of affairs continued for a long time, until the country became rid of its poisonous malaria. It is now one of the healthiest portions of Central Ohio. About the year 1817, another colony, from the State of Connecticut, settled in our immediate neighborhood, known as the 'Burnham and Howard settlement.' They, together with the first settlers, helped very materially in forming the future character of the people of this portion of the county. The habits and customs of our earliest settlers differed very much from the latter. Intercourse and association had a powerful tendency to smooth down the rough points of both, and produce a similarity of character, so that at this day it is impossible to distinguish any difference from their language or address."

Having thus given the general circumstances of the above settlement, as described by the pen of Mr. Sabine, we will now try to give some particulars of each of the above families.

Russell Bigelow and wife had the following children: Lucy, never married, and died at the old homestead; Irena, married Joseph Mitchell, and died in Madison County; Rev. Russell, the third child, early prepared for the ministry, married a Kentucky lady of name of Erwin (he became a very prominent, popular and eloquent minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died at Columbus, Ohio); Alpheus, studied medicine and spent his life as a physician, he married a Miss Case, of Worthington, Ohio, and died in Delaware County; Dimis, Grata, Polly, Abigail and Benjamin, all died unmarried, when quite young, with milk sickness and malarial diseases; Anna, married Gen. William B. Irwin, and died at Milford of consumption, and Eliphas, who married Miriam McCloud and remained a resident of this county through life; he died in Michigan while there on a visit, but his body was brought back and interred in Union Township.

Nehemiah Sabine, married Susanna Hawkins, of Coventry, Connecticut. Their children were as follows: Hiram, the eldest, died of milk sickness in 1814; Hylas, married Hannah Balderston, and died in New Orleans of consumption in 1834; Roswell, became a prominent and popular physician at Troy, Ohio, and practiced over fifty years; he married twice, his first wife was Mary Robinson, his second Caroline Connable; he died at Troy, of pneumonia, in 1875; Laura, never married, and died at Marysville in 1880, aged eighty years; John F., married Euphemia Clement, and resides at Marysville; he has now been a resident of this county a period of seventy years, and has been intimately connected with the events, growth and progress of the county from its early settlement to the present time; has held many important offices and positions of trust, which will be fully mentioned in the biographical sketch of Dr. Andrew Sabine in this volume; Phœbe, died at the age of eleven years; Asbury, married Sophia Janes; he died in 1835; his widow still survives; Rebecca T., married Andrew Keyes and they now reside in Marysville; Charles W. also became a practicing physician, and settled in Miami County, Ohio, where he died of consumption; and William R., who died of consumption at twenty-one years of age.

Asa Plummer, Sr., was the father of the following children: Joseph, who married Eunice Cummings, and both died in Champaign County, Ohio; Asa, Jr., married Malinda Buckman, and died in Delaware County, Ohio; Alvin, returned to Canada and married, and subsequently removed to Illinois; Horace did likewise; Hannah married a Mr. Hanniman, a lawyer by profession, who removed to Illinois, and served his county in the Legislature several years; Reuben, married the youngest daughter of John Erwin, and removed to Texas, where they both died; Wiley, married a Miss Randall, and settled in Illinois; Clarinda, married Hyal Buckman, and both are residing in Illinois; Calista and Tallman died young, and Nelson, who removed to Illinois. Israel Lockwood, Sr., was the father of the following children: Oliver, married Miss Maynard, who died on the Darby Plains; subsequently he removed West; Polly, married Benjamin Lyon, and died in Union Township; David, married Hannah Hand, and resided in this county till his death in the spring of 1882, aged ninety years; Israel, Jr., married Sally McCloud, she died and he married Miss Colver, he died in this county; Sallie, died young; Betsey, married David McCloud, he died, and she married Standish Colver, with whom she lived till her death; Walter, returned to Canada, married, and brought his wife to this county, but subsequently removed to Illinois; Rebecca, married a resident of Worthington, Ohio, and subsequently removed West, and Frederick, who died young.

Moses Patrick married Clarissa Geer, and had the following children: Harriet, married Samuel Rice, Jr.; he subsequently united with the Shakers, but she remained a resident of this county most of the time till her death; John, married Lydia Geer, of Canada, and remained a resident of this county till his death; Ira, married Laura Tarpenning, and died in this county; he was a man of fine intellect, and more than ordinary ability; Levi, married a Miss Tucker, and subsequently removed West. Moses Patrick and wife remained residents here till their death.

Dr. Gideon Hawley was, perhaps, the first physician in Union County; he married Rebecca Townsend, and subsequently moved West, where he died, and his widow returned to her friends in Canada. They had two sons; the youngest was named Micajah; both removed to the West.

Peris Walton married Miss Hannah Glazier; he died in this county; she subsequently died in Allen County, Ohio. Their children were as follows: Hannah, who died unmarried; John, married and moved West; Sallie, married Mr. Patterson; she died in this county, and he moved away a few years afterward; Maria, the youngest, removed with her mother to Allen County, Ohio.

James Dockum, Sr., was the father of the following children: William, married Miss Nancy Jones, and settled on Barron Run, Madison County, where he died; Sallie, married Mason Jones, and removed to Madison County, where she died; James, Jr., was twice married, first to Phebe Jones, second to Betsey Clement, and died in this township; Elijah, died young, unmarried; John, died young; Boardman, married a Miss Wallace, and died in Madison County; Ira, died young; Polly, married Allen Jones and moved West, and Arvilla, who died young.

Stephen Jackson, Sr., a Revolutionary soldier, was one of the "minutemen" at the battle of Lexington, Mass., and one who followed the British in Boston. He continued in the service of the Colonies through the war, and was a man of more than ordinary energy, ability and attainments, for that early day. He married Hannah Hawley. Their children were as follows: Stephen, Jr., married a Miss Atsit, and removed to Cincinnati, where they died; James married Margaret Whelpley; he now resides near Elyria, Ohio, aged ninety years; Amos was pressed into the British service in Canada, was taken prisoner by the Americans, and soon after came to his parents in this county, where he married Rachel Goodenough, and now lives at West Liberty, aged eighty-eight years; Hiram, married Abbey Cooley, she died and he went to the Mormons; Truman, married a lady from near Elyria, Ohio; she died, and he subsequently married a Mormon lady, and made his home with that people; and Sophronia removed to Logan County, Ohio, where she married.

Joseph Walton married a Miss Gilbert. His children were Olive and Rebecca. The family early removed to Allen County, Ohio.

Joseph Green, a native of New York, married the widow Hamond, and settled as stated above, being the first settler to enter his cabin. He died the next year after locating here. His children were James, Samuel and Phœbe.

Uriah Wood, a native of Vermont or New Hampshire, married Dimis Bigelow, and died in the settlement. Their children were Ira, who became a practicing physician, and married Margaret Hawley, at New Philadelphia, Ohio, and finally settled at Marysville, where he practiced till his death; he died of milk sickness. Their children were Michael S., who married Eliza Thayer and died in Marysville; Polly, married Prince Alden; she is deceased; he now resides at Mechanicsburg.

Obadiah James, a native of Vermont, was the father of the following children: Jabez, died, unmarried, during the first year of their settlement; Oliver, married Hannah Clement, and subsequently removed to Cleveland, where he dealt largely in real estate and died quite wealthy, possessed of at least half a million; Naomi, married William Mitchell and removed to the Western Reserve, where she died; Laura, who died at Cleveland, unmarried; Alonzo, removed to Cleveland, and there married and resided till his death; John, died young; Sophia, married Asbury Sabine, and is now residing in Portage County with her daughter, the only surviving one of the family; Lucretia, married Solomon Dunton, who was a Methodist minister, and removed to Iowa, where she died, and Harris, married a lady of Portage County, and died in this township.

Ephraim Keyes was a native of New Hampshire; his father was a native of Connecticut. He married Esther Rogers, and was the father of the following children: Loren, married Lydia Morse and died near Chuckery; Daniel, married Miss Betsey Carr; she died near Chuckery, and he married again and removed to Marion County, Ohio, where he died; Andrew, married Rebecca T. Sabine, and now resides in Marysville; Elias, married Mary Neal and subsequently removed to Mechanicsburg, where he died; Harriet died young, and William and John removed to the South, where they died. Ephraim Keyes died in 1822.

George Brown, a native of Rhode Island, settled at Milford about 1820, while a young, single man, and opened a general store. Soon after, he returned to his native State, and married a Miss Carpenter and brought her to his new home in Union County. He was a man of energy and good business ability, and without doubt would have become a leading man of this community, but he was early cut off by death. His store was the first of any importance in Milford. They had one child, which died in early childhood. Subsequently, his widow married Harvey Hovey. He was killed by being thrown from a horse, and she then married Harvey Burnham. By her last husband she had four children—Mary, George B., Henry and Martha.

Joseph Kennedy, a native of Pennsylvania, emigrated to Ohio with his wife and three sons—Hezekiah, John and Oliver—in 1805, and settled on the present site of Milford Center, Union County. John, the second son, was the father of Joseph M. Kennedy, now of Marysville. He was married in 1828, and moved immediately to Pike Township, Madison County, where his death occurred June 4, 1864. Joseph Kennedy, Sr., died at his home in Milford about 1831–32. His children born in Ohio were James, Ellen, Eliza, Othias, Joseph and William—all in Union Township. Most of them spent their lives in this county, and but one—Othias—is now known to be living, his residence being at Collingwood, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio. William died at Bellefontaine in 1862, having been for many years a resident of Logan County. He was the father of Hon. Robert P. Kennedy, now of Bellefontaine.

John and James Coolidge, natives of New York or New England, settled on the Big Darby, one mile northwest of Milford, on Survey 4,277, and remained residents here till their deaths. The former was a farmer, and James a farmer and blacksmith. They were men of character and integrity, and good citizens. Some of their descendants still reside in the county.

Samuel Galloway was born in Massachusetts, but removed to New York while young and there married Miss Achsa Witter, a native of Connecticut. In 1814, he removed with his family to Ohio, and settled in Union Township, on the place where A. A. Woodworth now lives, and erected a log cabin on the site where Mr. Woodworth's house now stands. Soon after locating, while hunting, he shot a deer, and thinking the animal dead he walked up to it with knife in hand to cut its throat, when the deer sprang up, pushed his horn into his chest and tore out some of his lungs; and there he and the deer were both found in the evening, the latter dead, and Mr. Galloway so weak he could not get home. They carried him home, and he finally recovered, so as to preach—as he was a minister in the Christian Church—but he never became able to perform hard manual labor after the injury. He made a journey to New York State, and returned. While absent on a second journey to that State, he was taken sick and died in 1820–21 from the effects of the wound made by the deer. He left eight children, four of whom were born in New York State and four in Union Township, viz.: Amanda, John, Samuel and James R. in New York; Sabrah, Elijah, Joshua and Joseph in this township. Mrs. Galloway remained here with her family till about 1822, when, becoming fascinated with Shakerism, she removed to their settlement in Warren County, Ohio, where she and her daughter Sabrah remained through life. But prior to their death, the other children all became dissatisfied, left the Shakers, and all married and settled in life. Amanda married David Wright; he died in Iowa, and his widow now resides in Kansas with her children. John married Matilda Cox, and died in Champaign County, Ohio, from a fall from a tree. Samuel married Prudence Babbitt, and resides in Indiana. James R. married Harriet B. Miller, and resides at Milford Center. Elijah married Sarah Jane Beatty, and resides in Iowa. Joshua married, and lives in Illinois; and Joseph married Mary Moran, and they now reside in Illinois. Samuel Galloway was a man of excellent character, and was a much esteemed and respected citizen; all his children now living are walking in his footsteps, living lives of usefulness, and doing honor to their ancestor.

James C. Miller was born December 14, 1797, in the State of New York. In 1814, he came to Ohio, with his uncle, Samuel Colver, and settled in this township, on the site of Irwin Station, where he remained with his uncle a few years; he then learned the carpenter trade, also the cabinet-making business. During his apprenticeship, when about twenty years of age, he went to Kentucky, and worked at his trade about eighteen months; thence returned to this township, and here continued at his trade. In 1821, he married Selinda Burnham, daughter of Eliphas Burnham; by her he had seven children—Harriet, who married James R. Galloway, a resident of Milford; Eliphas, married Ellen Vanness, and removed to Missouri in 1865, returned in 1869, and died in the spring of 1882; James, married Emaline Burnham, and resides near Mechanicsburg; Zelenda, married Lemuel McGrew, and resides in Delaware, Ohio; Lydia Ann, married David Clement, and resides at Marysville; William H. Harrison, who was twice married, first to Sarah Vanness, second to Sarah Smith, and now resides in Milford; Rebecca, married Gwynn Irwin; she now resides near Mechanicsburg. Mr. Miller has followed his trade, in connection with farming, through life. In 1865, he removed to Missouri, and in 1869 returned to this township, where, with this exception, he has spent sixty-eight years of his life. He was eighty-five years of age when the writer called to see him; he found him at his bench shoving the plane, and he remarked that he enjoyed as good health as he ever did in his life.

Joel Frankelberger, who became a settler at Milford about 1812–14, was the first tanner of the township, and perhaps the first in the county. He also served as Clerk of the first Board of Commissioners of Union County, and filled several offices of his township. About 1814–15, there came and settled in this township a large number of families, among whom were Samuel Rice and family, Jacob Fairfield, Harvey Hovey, John A. Moody, Roger Moody, Jeremiah Dee, Ebenezer Mathers, Linder Saunders, Joseph Mathers, Robert Branson, Mr. Dunton, Mr. Lyon, George A. Scott and John Mathers; the latter settled at Milford, and at his house was held the first election of the township, and several succeeding elections. James Guy, a native of Vermont, was born in 1795–96, and married Mary Watts. When young—about 1812—he settled in this township, where he resided till 1826. Removing with his family to Madison County, he resided there till his death, which occurred the same year—1826. His wife died in 1843. They had the following children: William, Harriet, Jane, Sylvia and James. Mr. Guy, when young, learned the blacksmith's trade, but after settling in life he gave his attention to farming, stock-raising and the dairy business. He was a very industrious man, a kind neighbor and most worthy citizen.

Otis Green, a native of Rhode Island, settled at Milford about 1815–16, and is believed to be the second one to open a store in that village, remaining in business but a short time till he died.

Dr. Daniel Bowen, a native of Vermont, settled at Milford about 1815, and was the first physician of that town, and a popular and successful man in his profession. He died December 12, 1825, aged forty years.

Benjamin Harrington, a native of Rhode Island, emigrated to this county and township in 1817. He married Betsey Rice, by whom he had the following children: David, who married, settled and died in this county; Nelson, lives in Liberty Township; Louisa, married John Locke, both deceased; Polly, married Mr. Holycross, now deceased; and Olive, married twice, first a Mr. Shirk, who died, and second a Mr. Reed; they now reside in Kansas. Mr. Harrington was a good citizen, and an active man in the Christian Church. He died November 25, 1843, and his wife August 15, 1870.

About 1817–18, a large number of families settled here, among whom were Asahel A. Woodworth, a native of Connecticut, who came here with his uncle, Mr. Burnham, who settled in Champaign County, near the Union

County line. With him he lived till he married, and purchased and settled on the farm where he has since resided. He is an honest and respected citizen.

Nicholas Hathaway, a native of Massachusetts, married Miss Pierce and settled on Treacle Creek, this township, purchasing several hundred acres of land, where he resided till his death. He was a physician, but desired to retire from practice, yet his friends wished his professional services and would not give him up; so, to some extent, he continued his practice through life. He was a man of great ability and merit, served the people of this county in the Legislature, and was one of the Associate Judges. He was an uncompromising Jacksonian Democrat, yet faithful to his constituents. He died August 24, 1848, aged seventy-six years. His wife died in 1826, and he married again, by which union he had one child, Anna, now the wife of J. H. Gillespie. By his first wife he had seven children—Elnathan, Leonora and Rounceful, all now deceased; Joanna, now a resident of West Mansfield, Ohio; Catharine and Elias, deceased; and Ebenezer, who died in California.

William Gorton, a native of Rhode Island, settled in the west part of this township, where William Webb now resides, in 1817. He was a very peculiar man, and noted as a horse trader. He had two children, Benjamin (deceased) and Mary. Mr. Gorton died on the place where he first settled.

Jacob Burnham, a native of Connecticut, settled in this township in 1817, residing here till his death, April 23, 1866. He married Eliza Meecham, by whom he had the following children: Nicholas, who married Emiline Hopkins; Eliza, married Simeon Fairchild, he died and she is now a widow and resides at Woodstock; Hiram, married Jane Reed, and resides on the homestead place, and Albert, deceased.

Eliphas Burnham, brother of Jacob Burnham, married Lydia Meecham, and resided through life on the same place with his brother Jacob. He was the father of the following children: Betsey, who married George Thomas, and resides in Champaign County; Harvey, married Mary Shields and resides at Irwin; Andrew, was twice married, first to Virginia Crawford, second to Nancy Amy, and resides in Champaign County; Marcia, married George Morse, and also resides in Champaign County; Ralph, married Martha Green; Dorcas, deceased; Lucas, died in the army, and Jared, who died unmarried. Mr. Burnham died February 11, 1881. Both Jacob and Eliphas Burnham were excellent citizens, much esteemed and respected by a large circle of acquaintances.

George Woodward, a native of Kentucky, settled here with his wife, Lydia, about 1819. He became fanatical on religion, united with the Shakers, and removed to Warren County, Ohio, where he died in 1828. His children were Lucy and George. After his death, his wife and her children went to the Shakers. Mr. Woodward was a man of good character and integrity.

George Fullington was born in Vermont in 1775, and married Rebecca Greeley. They emigrated to Ohio, and settled in this township in 1813, where they resided about eight years, thence removed to Madison County, and resided there till his death in 1835. His wife survived him many years. Their children were as follows: Sarah, married Alfred Carpenter, and moved to Illinois, where she died; Moses, married Harriet Guy, and settled on the old home place in this township, where he died; Clarriet, married William Guy, she died in 1827; Jefferson, moved to Illinois, where he married Eleanor English, and there resided till his death (his body was brought home and interred in the Guy Cemetery, in Madison County); Adelaide became the second wife of William Guy; Mary, married Truman Kimball, and raised a family of ten children; she is now deceased; Abigail, married Charles Phellis, Esq., is deceased; and Selina married John Burnham, and now resides at Mechanicsburg.

Mr. Fullington was a carpenter and joiner by trade, and although he worked some at his trade after he settled in Ohio, yet he gave his principal attention to farming and stock-raising, in which he became largely engaged. He was a man of character and integrity, and a much esteemed and respected citizen.

Nathaniel Kazer, a native of Rhode Island, settled at Milford, in this township, about 1817, and it is believed was the first hotel keeper in the town; also, it is said that the first court in Union County was held in one room of his house. Mr Kazer lived and died here; had one son, Lathrop, who married a daughter of David McCloud and moved away; is now deceased.

Christopher Cranston, who died November 8, 1858, aged fifty-five years, settled with his father on Treacle Creek about 1818. or possibly one or two years earlier.

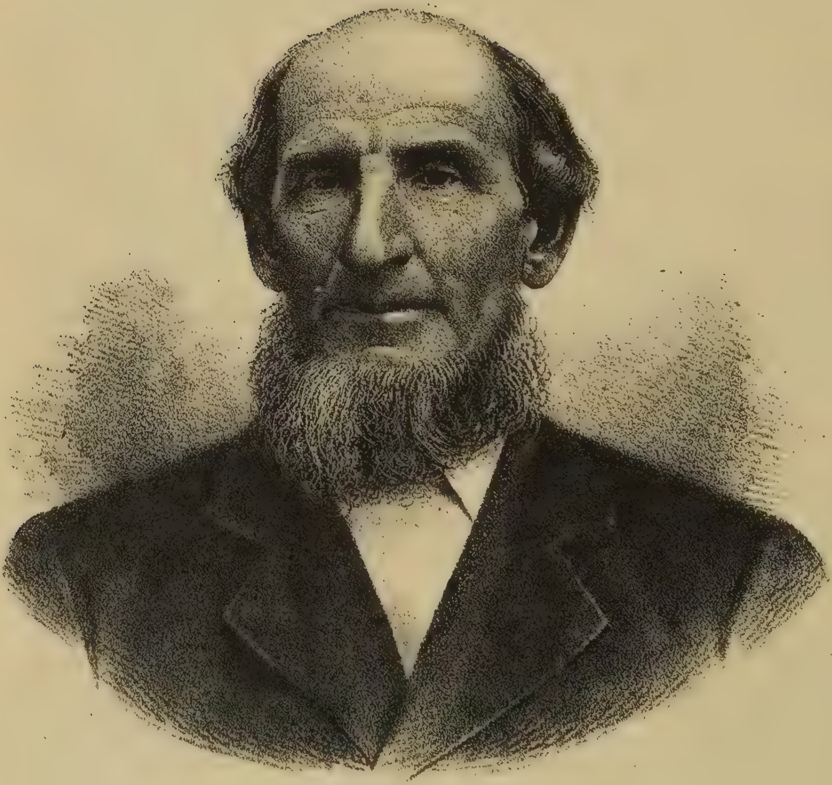
Levi Churchill, a native of New England, settled on the Plains, on Survey No. 7,789, about 1817, where he remained a resident several years; thence removed to Marysville, and subsequently to the West. He was a good citizen, and it is said made the brick for the old court house in Marysville.

Elisha Reynolds, a native of New York, married Miss Witter, and settled in this township, on Survey No. 7,789, about 1817. He became a large land owner, and a prominent trader in both stock and merchandise. His children were Sarah, deceased; Elizabeth, married a Mr. Potter, of Delaware, and died in the summer of 1882, aged ninety years; Polly, married James Irwin, both deceased; Immer, deceased; Ira, married a Miss Chapman, of Worthington, Ohio; he died November 24, 1880; Hila, married Asahel A. Woodworth; and Lewis, married a Miss Burnham and resides in Marysville. Mr. Reynolds served two terms as County Treasurer. He died February 10, 1843, aged sixty-four years.

Nathan Burlingame, a native of Massachusetts, settled about two miles south of Milford, on Survey 7,789, about 1818–19. He was a man of marked ability; a New Light preacher, he became an enthusiast on religious matters, and finally united with the Shakers, but remained with them only a short time. He returned to Massachusetts, and there became quite prominent in the political matters of the times, and represented his county in the Legislature two or three terms.

Ray G. Morse, a native of Providence, Rhode Island, born in 1808. In 1818, he emigrated with his father to Ohio, the journey occupying forty-nine days. They located first at Milford, there then being one log cabin and a small log mill in the town. The cabin was in the brush, on the site of what is now Garwood's store. There was then not a clearing on the route between here and Delaware. Mr. Morse stated, at the first pioneer meeting, that the first slate he ever had he purchased with rabbit skins. He served a five years' apprenticeship at blacksmithing. At one time he had sold muskrat skins enough to realize the sum of 75 cents, and then expended the whole in treating twenty-eight persons to apple-jack. In those times, everybody drank apple-jack. He once killed two deer at one shot, and had killed five in a day. Once he was at an Indian camp, and saw an Indian doctor cure a person who had been bitten by a rattlesnake.

Martin Ballou, a native of Rhode Island, emigrated to Ohio in 1819, settled in Union Township, lived on the farm he first purchased for fifty years, and died November 25, 1869, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Eliza Witter (the old homestead) He voted at every Presidential election after Washington retired from office, and cast his last vote in October, 1869. He was an ardent Whig and Republican, a liberal supporter of educational and religious institutions, and a man much esteemed. He was eighty-nine years of age at the time of his death.



William C Henderson

John Mitchell, Jr., emigrated from Cumberland County, Penn., to Highland County, Ohio, in 1818, and five years later—1823—removed to Union County*

Stephen and Jesse Bagley, natives of Rhode Island, settled at Milford about 1816–18. Edward and Anthony Moran, natives of Connecticut, settled in this township about 1819. Benjamin Hopkins, a native of Pennsylvania, settled here about 1821. Joseph Gibson, from Pennsylvania, settled about 1827. Michael Davis also came from Pennsylvania in 1829, and in the same year Elijah Witter, from New York. The above constitutes the greater portion of the early settlers of Union Township.

The following is a quotation from the writings of the worthy old pioneer, Eliphas Burnham, which portrays early times, and which may give future generations some knowledge of the lives of their forefathers.

Mr. Burnham writes: "When I came to Union Township there were a set of religious fanatics in Rice City, who were called Farnhamites, Douglas Farnham being their leader. They generally had preaching on Sunday, unless Farnham was away. They held night and sometimes day meetings through the week; some of them were quiet, social prayer meetings, some for confessing their sins, and some for hugging and kissing each other. The majority of their confessions would look decidedly bad in print. I attended their meetings occasionally, not expecting to be benefited, but out of curiosity. I will relate an incident that took place at one of their meetings I attended at the log schoolhouse, where the brick meeting house now stands, on the pike from Milford to Irwin, as I became personally interested in the proceedings. There was no preaching; they occupied their time in singing, prayer and exhorting, till finally one of the sisters had a revelation from the Lord (so she said), to deliver a short exhortation, and to hug and kiss each and every individual in the house; and she proceeded forthwith to obey the command. She began at the end of one of the slab benches, gave the exhortation, the hug and the kiss, then took the next, and so on in rotation. She had to perform on fifteen or twenty before my turn would come, so that I had ample time to decide how to act, and the decision was that I would resist; not because I was averse to embracing a female, or to a kiss either; on the contrary, I rather liked it—indeed was fond of it on all proper occasions, as young men always are, but there was nothing especially charming or fascinating in this one. When my time came, she delivered the exhortation, and then raised her hands to come round for the hug. I took her by the wrists—my arms were then pretty strong, and I had a powerful grip in my hands—and gave the wrists the full benefit of all the strength there was in them. Her countenance changed instantly, and she said, 'What! don't you want to go to heaven?' I replied that I was in hopes to get there some time, but did not believe I should get there any sooner for letting her hug and kiss me. The grip was kept on the wrists till I was satisfied she would not make a second effort; then I let her go, and she took her seat without a word. I was rallied by the boys and girls a good many times on account of the adventure, but it passed away in time, and so did the fanatics."

Again we quote from Mr. Burnham: "When we settled here, the territory of Union Township belonged to Madison County. I went to London in the fall of 1819, to a regimental muster, and we had a jolly time mustering. The boys were from a good many different States; some of their idioms sounded very odd and funny. In the winter of 1819–20, Union County was set off, and when the log jail was raised I carried up one of the corners.

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* Mr Mitchell kept a hatter's shop for many years in Milford Centre. He removed to Marysville in the spring of 1882, and died soon after.

"Marysville had at that time but few cabins in it; in fact, it was but just out of the wilderness—and now what a contrast! * * * * * The most of the territory of the county at that time was certainly a wilderness—and now what a change: it really does one good, who can appreciate the difference, to ride over the county now, and look at the fine farms on every hand, and the splendid dwelling-houses on them, and the gravel roads. * * * * Uncle William Porter tells me that only the southern portion of Union Township belonged to Madison County, and that Milford belonged to Delaware County, and I presume he is correct, but if so, our company mustered in Delaware County in 1819, for I remember well that our company in May, and again in September, mustered in Milford, and when we were dismissed we were ordered by our Captain, David Comer, to meet in London on the day of the regimental muster. The early settlers of our township were subjected to some privations; but, on the whole, I don't think we have ever enjoyed life better since than we did the first ten years after we came here; for myself, I am sure that I have never enjoyed life better since. We had but little money, but we managed to get along well enough without it; we could get but little for our surplus, and some articles we had to buy were very costly; for instance, we paid for a barrel of salt, in the fall of 1818, after we arrived in Rice City, eighteen silver dollars. Jacob Hazle had taken a load of wheat to the lake, and exchanged it for salt. You may be sure that barrel of salt was carefully husbanded; one year from that time, we could buy for just half that. A great source of annoyance to us was the distance to the post office. There were none nearer than Urbana or Plain City. In this neighborhood, we went to Urbana. However, we soon managed matters better than to go there every week for our mail; fourteen of us clubbed together to get the Urbana paper, which was four cents a copy. We drew numbers, and number one went to Urbana, paid 56 cents for fourteen copies, and distributed them. Number two did the same, and so on. Once in every fourteen weeks, each one had to get the papers and distribute them, and the next thirteen weeks they were delivered at the door free of cost. We went on thus for about two years, more or less, when a post office was established in Milford. We felt like having a jollification over it.

"We had no fruit, except the native plum; they were generally abundant, but did not last long. But in a few years we began to have peaches, and in a few more years apples, and we enjoyed them all the better for having been deprived of them for awhile. For about fifteen years peaches were a very sure crop, more so than apples are now. As I have said, we handled but very little money, and sometimes it was pretty hard scratching to get enough to pay our taxes, though they were not much compared to what they are now. I recollect one fall, I had failed to pay my taxes in time, and it made a lasting impression on my mind. It was the only time that I ever failed to pay my taxes in season. I had but few hogs that fall, and sold them for $1.25, net weight, just equal to $1 per hundred on foot, and I had a sale note out, which was due, and it took all the money to pay the note. I had nothing left to make the money out of to pay my taxes, except three yearling steers, and there were no buyers; so it went on till about the 10th or 12th of January, when I heard that Elisha Reynolds (ex-Treasurer E. L. Reynolds' father) was buying steers. I went to see him immediately; he said he would come over the next morning and look at them, and buy them if I would take what they were worth. When he saw them, he said that he would give me $3.50 a head for them, if I would drive them over; he said he had not paid but $3 for any, but they were better than any he had bought. I drove them over, got the money, $10.50, paid the taxes, $8, and had $2.50 left, and I don't think I have ever felt richer since.

I did not owe any person a dime, and had $2.50 in my pocket: and, as the Irishman said, 'What more did I want?' I have never failed to pay my taxes in good time since.

"I have assessed the chattel property of Union Township thirty-two years, and I never failed once to return the assessment to the Auditor's office in good time. The Commisioners never had to adjourn the Board of Equalization because I had not made my returns. There were one or two years that I had to hurry things a little more than I liked, in consequence of the delay in getting blanks"

SCHOOLS.

The class of people who first settled in Union Township were energetic, enterprising men and women, and, as has already been stated, many of them had large families, the younger members of which needed to be educated and fitted for the duties of a new country. State and church demanded men of intelligence and education; counties and townships were to be organized, laws enacted, and churches instituted, for the regulation and protection of the people who were so rapidly filling up this wilderness of a country, possessed of untold wealth of soil. The old, gray headed sires must soon pass from the field of action; and especially was this true here, under the hardships of pioneer life, and the fatality which existed from malaria, milk sickness and other prevailing diseases; and the rising generation must be fitted to assume the duties soon to devolve upon them. Many of the fathers had come from New England, the land of schools and colleges, and they knew and appreciated the value of education. Hence, from such a class of settlers we might expect just what was the case—early establishment of schools and institutions of learning. Just what year the first school was started is at this distant day difficult to ascertain. But it is believed that in the Reed settlement a school was taught as early as 1806–08. Of course here, as elsewhere, the first schools were individual, or subscription schools. The first building erected for school purposes was a round-log cabin of the most primitive kind—chinked and daubed—with puncheon floor, slab benches and greased paper windows. This house was succeeded by another log one, and this, again, by a good, comfortable, hewed-log building, which served the people for many years. Some of the first teachers were David Chapman, Jeptha Peasely, Ralph Phelps and Thomas Cratty.

It is probable that the next school started was in the "Green settlement," on the post road. The first school taught here was by Nehemiah Sabine, in the winter of 1814. Mr. Sabine died before completing his labors in the school, and his son, Hiram, taught the remainder of the term. Other teachers, who followed Mr. Sabine, were Henry Mathews, Levi Phelps and William Burnham. This settlement was made up of New England people, and they established the first free school in the township. As the settlements increase these early schools were multiplied, until, in the spring of 1826, the township was officially divided into school districts, as follows:

"On March 24, 1826, the Trustees of Union Township met for the purpose of dividing the township into school districts, and have divided the township into six districts: No. 1, embraced the following heads of families: William Gabriel, Sylvester Phelps, William Porter, John Mitchel, Samuel Jamison, B. H. Lathrop, Elias Robinson, Harvey Burnham, Nathaniel Kazer, James Riddle, Jacob Fairfield, David Burnham, Nancy Bowen, Warren Rose, Hezekiah Kennedy, Edward Moran, William Impson, Richard Gabriel, John F. Gabriel, William Gabriel, Sr., George Reed, Alden Andrews, Edward Holycross, Daniel Andrews, Robert Johnson, William Snodgrass, David C. Winget, Jason Rice, Reuben P. Mann, Samuel Kazer, Calvin Winget and John Porter, Jr.—32 families.

"No. 2, James Robinson, Hugh Porter, Samuel Reed, John Holycross, Widow Wood, John Porter, Robert Snodgrass, Andrew Gill, Thomas Reed, James Reed, James Snodgrass, John Parthemore, Robert Snodgrass, Jr., Roger Moody, Jacob Parthemore, Samuel Reed (1st), John Kent, Widow Crawford, John Moody and H———20 families.

"No. 3, Samuel Reed, David Witter, Benjamin Harrington, George Woodward, Jonathan Locke, Widow Kinion, Caleb Morse, John Irwin, Esq., Benjamin Hopkins, Benjamin Lyon, Elisha Reynolds, J. C. Miller, Moses Fullington, Asa Plummer, Thomas Dunton, Joseph Plummer, Jeremiah Dee, John Williams and Samuel Colver—19 families.

"No. 4, Alexander Reed, Margaret Reed, Mrs Hibbard, James Coolidge, Thomas McDonald, John Coolidge, Henry Vangordon, Vandever Reed, Mary Peters, Eleanor Stewart, Increas Mather, Daniel Alden, Jonathan Beerwell, S. Mather, John Furrow, David Furrow, John P. Reed and Alford Hale—18 families.

"No. 5, Samuel T. Hovey, Luther Wood, Nicholas Hathaway, Widow Comer, Eliphas Burnham, Jacob Burnham, William Gorton, Benjamin Gorton, Martin Balou, John Locke, David Harrington, Rhoda Stokes, William Douglass, E. Martin, J. Vest, J. Cohorn, C. Bates, J. Locke, J. Dee, and J. McLaughlin--20 families.

"No. 6, Joseph Morse, John Kennedy, Widow Dodge, L. Tarpenning, P. Tarpenning, Michael S. Wood, Uriah Wood, Russell Bigelow, Eliphas Bigelow, Susanna Sabine, Harriet Rice, Stephen Jackson, Joseph Whelpley, James Jackson, Moses Patrick, Widow Walton, William Irwin and Charles Reynolds —20 families. The schools were now thoroughly established with each and every district clearly defined. These districts have since been changed, perhaps several times, and their number increased, until the township is now divided into ten sub-school districts, as follows, with the enumeration of 1882:

Subdistrict No. 1—Males, 65; females, 49; total, 114, white. Subdistrict No. 2—Males, 31; females, 35; total, 66, white. Subdistrict No. 3—Males, 17; females, 14; total, 31, white. Subdistrict No. 4—Males, 12; females, 8; total, 20, white. Subdistrict No. 5—Males, 7; females, 8; total, 15, white. Subdistrict No. 6—Males, 10; females, 9; total, 19, white. Subdistrict No. 7, Males, 10; females, 17; total, 27, white. Subdistrict No. 8—Males, 35; females, 32; total, 67, white. Subdistrict No. 9—Males, 31; females, 30; total, 61, white. Subdistrict No. 10—Males, 12; females, 10; total, 22, white. Total males, 230; total females, 212; grand total, 442.

There are 14 male and 6 female colored children; making a total number of 462 children.

The ten schoolhouses contain fourteen rooms. Average wages of teachers: Males, $44; females, $31.

Average number of weeks schools are in session, 25.

Total valuation of school property, $21,300.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Balance on hand September 1, 1881	$ 3,630 10
State tax	693 00
Irreducible school funds	45 20
Township tax for schools, and schoolhouse purposes	7,664 73
Amount received from sale of bonds	2,500 36
Fines, licenses, tuition of non-resident pupils, etc	152 57
Total	$14,685 96

EXPENDITURES.

Whole amount paid teachers in common schools	$ 4,275 00
Whole amount paid for fuel and other contingent expenses	5,772 88
Total	$10,047 88
Balance on hand September 1, 1882	$ 4,638 08

In 1880–81, there was erected at Milford Center a large brick schoolhouse, with slate roof, containing four rooms, and nicely furnished throughout, at a cost of about $10,000. Three teachers are here employed, occupying three rooms; the fourth room being reserved for a high school. Also, at Irwin, a fine brick house, with slate roof, has been erected, in gothic style, finely furnished, and costing over $6,000.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Presbyterian Church, Milford Center.—The first religious organization in what is now Union Township, was formed by the Presbyterians, one and one-half miles east of the present village of Milford Center, either late in 1807 or very early in 1808. It was called Upper Liberty, and was organized out of a portion of the materials from a former church which had been formed at North Liberty, in what is now Darby Township, in the fall of 1800. The formation of the church at Upper Liberty occurred at the house of Samuel Read 1st, a committee having been sent for the purpose by the Presbytery; said committee was composed of Rev. James Hoge, D. D., and one of his Elders. Mr. Hoge was made pastor of the church at Franklinton (now Columbus), Ohio, having been installed June 11, 1808. The original members were twenty in number, as follows: David and Martha Mitchell, Samuel Mitchell, Sr., and wife, Samuel and Jane Kirkpatrick, Samuel Reed, 2d, and Anna, his wife, David and Elizabeth Carey, Robert and Jane Snodgrass, Samuel Reed 1st, and Elizabeth, his wife, William and Catharine Gabriel, David and Margaret Reed, and the aged and widowed mothers of Samuel Reed, 1st and 2d. Samuel Reed 1st and Samuel Kirkpatrick were elected Elders, and inducted into office. Rev. Samuel Woods was installed pastor June 15, 1808, and remained in that connection till his death, April 27, 1815, in the thirty-sixth year of his age. He was born in Cumberland County, Penn., January 15, 1779, and was a graduate of Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Penn. In 1809, this society erected a rude log church, twenty-four feet square, which stood at the site mentioned, between the road and the old burying ground. About 1822–23, an addition eighteen feet wide was built on one side of the old church, and the building as thus enlarged was used until 1834, when a brick church was erected at Milford Center, and the congregation removed to that place. The brick church was 44x50 feet in dimensions, and cost about $1,500. It was occupied until the fall of 1869, when the society obtained the use, for one-half the time, of the Methodist Episcopal Church building at Milford Center. This arrangement continued for eighteen months, during which time the old building was torn down, the ground cleared off and the foundation laid for the present commodious building. The new structure was dedicated, free from debt, March 26, 1871, the pastor, Rev. William G. March, being assisted in the dedicatory exercises by Rev. A. E. Thomson (a former pastor) and Rev. Hugh R. Price, since deceased. Mr. Price preached the dedicatory sermon. The building cost about $4,500.

April 8, 1838, after its removal from the old location, the name of the church was changed from Upper Liberty to Milford Center. When it was first organized, it was a part of the Presbytery of Washington, Ky., which included all that part of Ohio west of the Scioto River. It afterward belonged to Columbus Presbytery, and was made a part of Marion Presbytery in 1835, when the latter was constituted. Its pastors have been as follows:

Rev. Samuel Woods, 1808 to 1815. Revs. William Dickey, Archibald Steele, James Hoge, D. D., Elder Hughes, and some others, occasionally supplied this church until 1821, in which year Rev. James Robinson, "the ancestor and kindred of a large tribe of Presbyterian Robinsons," was installed pastor, continuing in that relation until the fall meeting of the Columbus Presbytery, in 1828. He was a native of Washington County, Penn., a graduate of Jefferson College, and was ordained in 1808–09. He removed to Ohio in 1808, and was one of the original members of Lancaster Presbytery, preaching the opening sermon on the day it was constituted at Lancaster, April 5, 1809. After filling numerous responsible positions in the State, fitted to his calling, he was finally taken to rest, April 22, 1847. His successor at Upper Liberty was Rev. Darius C. Allen, who came as a missionary to Madison and Union Counties in 1829, and served as stated supply of this church until the spring of 1831, when he removed to London, Madison County, and became pastor of the church at that place. Following are some extracts from his journal, while laboring in Union County:

"Sabbath, September 13, 1829—Administered the Lord's Supper, in Upper Liberty, to about seventy-five persons. Two new members received at this time. The house was full; some unable to get seats.

"September 19—To-day, a man was thrown from his horse while running a race near Milford, in this county, and nearly killed.

"September 21—The man who was thrown from his horse on Saturday is still alive, but very much injured. This man is about forty-five or fifty years of age, and notoriously wicked. As he was mounting his horse for the race, he uttered a speech too shocking for repetiton. He started; his horse soon ran out of the path, and threw him against a tree. He was taken up nearly lifeless. Medical aid was soon present, and, while the physician was bleeding him, he cursed him and inquired if he was going to kill him.[*] Although a professed Universalist, he called mightily upon the Lord for mercy. The horse race was on a muster day. The Lord hasten on the day when these silly, unprofitable musters shall be abandoned, and when the prediction shall be fulfilled, 'Nations shall learn war no more.' There have been several deaths by racing, within the bounds of my labors, in the course of a few years past.

"October 26—Attended a meeting of the congregation of Upper Liberty, to consult about erecting a new meeting house. They agreed on building, near to Milford village, a frame house, 35x45 without galleries, according to a plan exhibited. A subscription paper has since been drawn up, and about $200 subscribed.[†]

"February 24, 1830—At night, I preached at Milford Center, on the subject of Sunday schools. Pretty good number out. Obtained a Superintendent and two female teachers, and appointed a time for the school to commence. Perhaps a school may begin soon. Also, proposed to preach to the people next week on the subject of temperance, and to present to them information relative to the good cause, not because they are very intemperate, as a village, but because many of them are *temperate*, and are the very kind of people who ought to *co-operate* in temperate movements."

Rev. Benjamin Dolbear succeeded Mr. Allen, having been installed pastor of the churches of Upper and Lower Liberty in 1832. He also preached occasionally in Marysville, for two or three years. He was a native of Vermont, in which State he was educated, and preached for a few years in the Congregational Church. His pastorate at Upper Liberty, or Milford Center, continued "till the stormy times of 1837–38, when he went with the N. S. branch, while the church almost unanimously adhered to the O. S. party." Mr Dolbear married a daughter of Rev. Samuel Woods. His death occurred at Milford Center May 28, 1842, when he was but forty-two years of age. His successor in the pastorate of this church was Rev. William M. Galbreath, a native of Maryland, who was installed at Milford Center June 19, 1839, and at Lower Liberty October 7, 1839. His connection with the latter was dissolved April 18, 1848, and with Milford Center about the same time. For nearly a year after he left, the pulpit was only occasionally supplied, but in 1849, Rev. James Pelan was installed pastor; his labors continued until the fall of 1852. He went subsequently to Alabama, and from the fact that he was a Northerner, in the beginning of the war of the rebellion, he was inhumanly murdered by a gang of rebel cut-throats, at his own house. Revs. John Miller, of West Virginia, David Irwin, and James A. Stirrat supplied this church at various times until 1854, when Rev. Chester H. Perkins, a native of Madison County, Ohio, became supply, and he was installed as pastor May 31, 1855. In May, 1859, this relationship was dissolved with the view of his taking charge of the Delaware Female College. He subsequently ministered to the wants of other churches, and died October 17, 1874, in the fifty-third year of his age. After his removal, the church at Milford Center was supplied by Revs. Reuben Hahn, Andrew W. Boyd and Albert E. Thomson, the latter becoming stated supply July 26, 1860, and pastor in September, 1861. He resigned his charge at Milford in 1865, having been chosen Superintendent of the public schools at Marysville, where he was also pastor of the Presbyterian Church. He finally removed to Indiana, in the fall of 1874. Rev. John Fitch next supplied the church at Milford Center for a few months, and in October, 1867, Rev. William G. March visited the place. He began to supply this place and Marysville in January, 1868, and was installed pastor of both churches on the 18th of June following. Mr. March was a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, and a graduate of Jefferson College in 1846. He continued as pastor of these two churches until 1878, from which date Rev. N. K. Crow and others served as supply ministers until January 1, 1882, when Rev. W. H. McMeen became the pastor, and is now serving in that capacity.

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[*] Little wonder he made the inquiry, for the ancient custom of bleeding a man under treatment for almost any ill, or in case of accident, was nearly a resort to barbarism.

[†] As has been seen, the house at Milford Center was not occupied until 1834, and it was built on a larger scale than the one proposed at the meeting attended by Mr. Allen.

The Ruling Elders of this church, from its organization to the present, have been Samuel Reed 1st and Samuel Kirkpatrick, David Mitchell, Richard Gabriel, William Gabriel, Sr., James H. Gill, John W. Robinson, Daniel Coe, John Powers, William B. Irwin, John S. Irwin, James R. Snodgrass, Moses Coe, Dixon Mitchell, A. M. Gill, S. R. Harbert, William Porter, James Martin, George Reed and D. Mitchell Robinson.

In 1881, the church was repaired, and refitted with elegant walnut pews, the ceilings finely frescoed, and a new pulpit and new furniture entire, placed in it at a cost of about $1,100. It is heated by a furnace, and is one of the neatest and most substantial church edifices in the county, outside of Marysville.

Methodist Episcopal Church at Milford Center.—In 1831, Rev. Thomas Simms organized a class at the house of Andrew Keyes, with the following members: Ebenezer Mather and wife, Jason Rice and wife, Mrs. Nancy Bowen, Mrs. Mary Monroe, Mrs. Jane Parkison, Mrs. Patty Kennedy, and a few others whose names are not now remembered. They held services in private houses and the schoolhouse till about 1835, when money was raised by subscription, and a small frame house, about 36x30 feet, was erected by Andrew Keyes, the same being dedicated in that year. This house served the people until 1863, when the present brick edifice was erected on the site of the old house, at a cost of about $2,400. The house was dedicated on Sunday morning, August 2, 1863, at which time $622 were subscribed, which paid all indebtedness and left money enough to inclose and ornament the grounds. Rev. J. Trimble preached the dedicatory sermon. This house is a good, substantial building, well finished, and has furnished the society a commodious and pleasant place of worship to the present time. The ministers of this church have been as follows: Rev. Thomas Simms, Rev. D. D. Davidson, Rev. William Morrow, Rev. Michael Marley, Rev. Harvey Camp, Rev. Riley, Rev. Lovett Taft, Rev. Martindale, Rev. J. S. Adams, Rev. David Mann, Rev. G. G. West, Rev. Henry Horton, Rev. Longman, Revs. Lowe and Slocum, Rev. F. Lewis, Rev. Westervelt, Rev. Wolf, Rev. Charington, Rev. J. S. Adams, Rev. William Lewis, Rev. Callahan, Rev. Wakefield and Rev. Naylor.

Some of the Class Leaders have been as follows: Andrew Keyes, Alexander Smith, William Stranahan, P. W. Alden, Henry Neal, George P. Morrow, Dr. R. P. Mann, John Parkison, William Stage and A. J. Moore.

First Baptist Church, Milford Center, was organized May 12, 1855, with the following constituent members: Elijah Witter and wife, Joseph Halteman and wife, John S. Fulton and wife, Lucy A. Lucas, Horace Andrews and Thomas Andrews, with Elijah Witter as Deacon, and Joseph Halteman as Clerk. Trustees, Elijah Witter, James Simpson, Joseph Halteman and Horace Andrews. The following have been pastors of the church: Revs. James Simpson, A. J. Wyant, H. H. Witter, Gray D. Bryant, John Wright, H. H. Dunaway, W. N. Bean and Rev. H. P. Clark, who is the present minister. Trustees, E. Witter, L. P. Monroe and John McClimans; Deacons, E. Witter and L. P. Monroe; Clerk, Eli Gabriel. In 1856, they erected their present church edifice. It is a good frame building, 30x40 feet, with a vestibule in front, 8x20 feet; making the entire length 48 feet. Entire cost, about $1,600.

Christian Church, Union Township.—It is believed this church was organized in the spring of 1818 with the following constituent members. viz.: Nicholas Hathaway, Elisha Reynolds, Anson Howard, Joseph Johnson, Jacob Burnham, Benjamin Harrington, Darius Burnham, Reuben Hammond, Alexandre McWilliams, Sophia Reynolds, Olive Howard, Lydia Johnson, Betsey Harrington, Lydia Sibley, Lucretia Burnham, Betsey Burnham, Betsey Hammond and Rosetta Smith. For several years, they held their services in log schoolhouses and at private houses, till their congregations became too large to be accommodated in those small houses, and they finally resolved to erect a house for church purposes. About 1829–30, the present brick house was erected, which was one of the first brick buildings in this vicinity, and it is believed that Elder Fuson was the first minister to preach in the new church. Prior to the erection of the church, several pastors administered to this people, among whom were Elders Isaac Kade, Isaac Walter and James Johnson. Since they erected the brick church, they have had the following ministers: Elder Fuson, and several who followed him whose names are now forgotten, when Elder Riley came to the charge; he was followed by Elders Griffin, Stephens and Josiah Knight. Again, after the re-organization of the church in 1860, the ministers who succeeded in charge were Rev. John Ellis, Elders T. M. McWhinney, Humphrey, Herrod and Chrisman. Present membership is over one hundred, with Elder Dobbins as minister and William Stillings and Milo Kimball as Deacons. This is one of the oldest churches in the county, and the church edifice, which is still in tolerably good condition, is now over half a century old. They now have preaching twice a month, and a Sunday school every Sabbath. About 1874, this society having become very large, and many members living at and in the vicinity of Milford, they erected a frame church at that village, at a cost of about $1,800, which is occupied by a branch of the old church, and services are regularly held at both places.

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SECRET SOCIETY.

Darby Lodge, No. 636, I. O. O. F., was instituted June 28, 1876, by Joseph Dowdall, P. G. M., assisted by H. P. Gravatt, with the following charter members: French Garwood, James McCloud, J. T. Johnson, A. S. Chears, George P. Monroe, J. A. Moore, S. D. Elliott, James M. Devore, William Woodworth, S. B. White, J. T. Sager, Philip Coe, Robert Gaff, Allan Reed, G. D. Mitchell and ———. The following officers were elected: French Garwood, N. G.; James McCloud, V. G.; George P. Monroe. R. Sec.; Allen Reed, Per. Sec.; and G. D. Mitchell, Treas. The present membership (1882) is forty-five, with the following officers: J. N. Devore, N. G.; William Stillings, V. G.; E. P. Houghton, R. Sec.; M. L. White, Per. Sec.; and S. D. Elliott, Treas.

CEMETERIES.

There are several very old burial places in Union Township, as it was early settled; much sickness prevailed for many years, and the "grim messenger," Death, was a frequent visitor in the unpretentious cabins. Perhaps one of the first burial places was at the *Wood Cemetery*, situated about one and a half miles east of Milford, on the north bank of the Big Darby Creek. This was first established as a family and neighborhood burial place, where many found early and premature graves. The gravestones here show burials to have been made as early as 1813, and it is probable there are some graves, unmarked, which received bodies at a much earlier date. Here rest many of the Woods, Reeds, Gabriels, Gills, Erwins and others of the noble and venerated pioneers. July 17, 1871, this piece of ground, consisting of 53 poles, owned by George and Josiah Reed, and 53 poles owned by Samuel Wood, making 106 poles, was, by the above-mentioned owners, deeded to the Township Trustees, who have fenced it in with a good board fence, and, with their successors to office, are by duty bound to see that the cemetery is kept fenced and carefully preserved.

Hathaway Cemetery is located about two and a half miles southwest of Milford Center. This was donated for burial purposes by Dr. Nicholas Hathaway, and he and his wives, the Hopkins family, the Connors, and some of the Burnhams are here interred. This is also now in care of the Trustees of the township, and will be preserved.

Teeter's or McDonald Cemetery.—This was a family burying place. It is situated about two miles northwest of Milford Center, and contains one-half acre. E. C. March now owns the farm upon which it is located. The ground was deeded to the Township Trustees by George McDonald, May 4, 1874, and is now under their care and supervision.

Milford Center Cemetery.—This is now the principal burial ground of the township. It was first used as a family and neighborhood burying place in an early day, and was then owned by George Brown, and subsequently by H. Burnham. About 1828–30, the citizens of Milford and vicinity entered upon the work of raising money by subscription to buy the small tract of land in which interments had been made. This was accomplished, and it remained thus till about 1840, when Mr. Burnham and wife deeded 1⅝ acres of land to the Trustees of the township and their successors to office for cemetery purposes. In 1874, the Trustees purchased 1¼ acres as an addition to the above. March, 1882, they purchased about five acres more, lying on the east of the old cemetery, and inclosed the whole with a good fence; and laid it all out in lots, drives and walks. Also, in the spring of 1882, the Trustees erected a substantial stone vault. They have set out trees and shrubbery, and ornamented the grounds till it is now a beautiful depository for the dead.

ROADS AND PIKES.

The citizens of Union have given liberally and even bountifully to the support of her schools; so it has been equally liberal in the construction of good gravel roads and pikes. The first great and general improvement of a road in Union Township was made under the superintendence of David Comer, in which he expended $187.50 on the road from Irwin, or the road past Esquire Irwin's and through Milford to the crossing of the Marysville road. The State Legislature had appropriated $500 to Union County for the improvement of her roads; and the above amount, $187.50, was apportioned to Union Township by the County Commissioners, with the appointment of David Comer to expend the same. From this time forward, progress in the improvement of roads was quite rapid. In 1876, the following gravel roads were fully completed, viz.: Milford Center & Irwin, 5½ miles, built in 1867, cost $22,325.93; Milford Center & Urbana, 2¾ miles, built in 1868, cost $4,097.50; Marysville & Milford, 5¾ miles, built in 1871, cost $15,364.20; Irwin & Little Darby, 1⅞ miles, built in 1871, cost $3,516.96; Post road, three divisions, 16⅝ miles, built in 1873, cost $29,578.37; Milford & Bridgeport, 3¾ miles, built in 1873, cost $7,662.91; Irwin & Woodstock, 1¼ miles, built in 1873, cost $2,976.45; Milford & Woodstock. 3⅙ miles, built in 1873, cost $4,697.92; Sabine & Bigelow, 5¾ miles, built in 1876, cost $15,560.61; Milford & Allen Centre, 3⅙ miles, built in 1876, cost $5,303.65; John Connor Improved road, 2⅔ miles, built in 1875, cost $2,752.91. Since 1876, there have been other roads graveled and improved, until now (1882) nearly all the leading lines are in good condition throughout the township.

MILLS AND FACTORIES.

About 1810–12, George Reed erected a log mill, on the Big Darby, at Milford. Prior to the erection of this mill, there was none in the county,* and the people had to travel many miles to get their grinding done. This mill, though rude and rough, and not perfect in the execution of its work, was a great convenience. In 1818, it was destroyed by fire, but Mr. Reed immediately built a frame structure on its site. Subsequently, he was succeeded by William Parkison and Jacob Fairfield; then it was run by Mr. Parkison and Standish Colver, who were succeeded by Timothy and John Elwell, who then erected a carding mill, and attached it to the grist mill. They were succeeded by John Elwell; he sold to James Reed, and he to Moore and Weller. The firm next became Weller & Neal, who, in 1870, erected the present mill in front of the old one; they were succeeded by Price & Waldron; then Waldron sold his interest to Price, who became sole proprietor and subsequently sold the property to S. D. Elliott, the present owner and proprietor.

Mr. Reed also built a saw mill, which he operated in connection with the grist mill, and which has since sawed most of the lumber for this entire neighborhood. There have been a few other mills temporarily located in several places in the township, which have done quite an amount of sawing for a limited time, but none permanent.

In an early day, there were several distilleries built, but after a few years they were abandoned; these were all on a small scale, and manufactured for family and home consumption. The principal of these were one owned and run by Richard Gabriel on his farm, and one built and owned by Harvey and David Burnham, near Milford.

About 1815–16, Joel Frankelberger erected a tannery, and carried on the business a few years, when he sold to George Reed, who purchased it about

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*See Chapter IV, general history. It is plainly stated by the old settlers of the southeast part of the county that Frederick Sager's mill, near Plain City, was built before Mr. Reed erected his at Milford.—P. A. D.

1818–20 for Warren Rose, who continued to operate it till he became aged and feeble, when the tannery went out of use. For many years, this tannery was worked to its fullest capacity, supplying Urbana and many of the surrounding towns with fine saddle skirtings and other leathers. One or two other tanneries have been built in the township, but only conducted business a short time.

About 1845, Childs & Colver erected a building at Milford for the manufacture of fine carriages, buggies and wagons. They carried on the business till about 1855, when Charles Erb succeeded them. He erected a large building attached to the old one, and continued on a large scale for many years, or until his death. This establishment was a great acquisition to the town of Milford. Since the death of Mr. Erb, the business has been continued by his sons. They are now giving their main attention to building heavy farm wagons, which in quality and durability are unexcelled.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

Milford.—"This town was laid out, surveyed and platted for George Reed, on a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Delaware, Union Township, and State of Ohio, on the south side of Big Darby, near George Reed's mill, No. 3,016, originally entered in the name of Levin Jones, sold to Alexander Carr, and patented in the names of George Reed and Robert Grant, under a decree of a Court of Chancery had in Franklin County and State aforesaid. The town is composed of streets and alleys and forty lots, named and numbered as follows: One main street, five rods wide, by the name of Water street, and five cross streets, five rods wide each. The cross streets named respectively, beginning near the west end of Water street, or first, West street; second, London street; third, Market street; fourth, Mill street, and fifth, Pleasant street. The lots are five rods wide, and eight rods long, containing forty square rods. The number of the lots will begin on the south side of Water street, and west side of Mill street, at No. 1, and in a westward direction to No. 2, and so on to No. 14, reaching the west extremity of the town, then crossing to the north side of Water street to No. 15, then eastward to No. 23, and across Market street, leaves a reserve to Mill street, to No. 24, and then to No. 31, at east end of the town, then crossing to south side of Water street, to No. 32, thence westward with the numbering of the lots to Mill street, to No. 39, opposite No. 1, the place of beginning. The same being acknowledged by George Reed, before Thomas McDonald, a Justice of the Peace, on April 8, 1816, and received and recorded, April 9, 1816, by Joseph L. Hughs, Recorder of Delaware County; Recorded in Vol. III, pages 492 and 493. William M. Robinson, *Recorder, Union County.*"

Milford Center.—"On March 3, 1853, a meeting of the citizens of Milford was held at the schoolhouse, with F. Garwood, Chairman, and E. L. Reynolds, Secretary, for the purpose of considering the propriety of petitioning the County Commissioners to incorporate them as a body politic, with the authority and powers given by the State of Ohio, to incorporated villages. A petition was made, and duly signed by F. Garwood, E. L. Reynolds, and forty-five other citizens, with E. L. Reynolds as agent to act in the premises for and in behalf of the citizens. The petition was granted, and two transcripts issued—one sent to the Secretary of State and the other to E. L. Reynolds, the agent of the citizens of Milford Center. Also, an addition by T C. Moore, was made to the town adjoining Lot No. 41, on the west, consisting of five lots, duly platted on the record at Marysville. Again, in February, 1854, an addition was made by Wilson Reed, containing inlots from 1 to 12, and three outlots on the north. William B. Irwin, Surveyor Union County." The same duly certified to August 16, 1860, before O. C. Kennedy, J. P.

Again, on March 22, 1866, was surveyed and laid out for Elizabeth Mann, widow and devisee of R. P. Mann, deceased, a third addition to the town; said survey being made by A. S. Mowry, Deputy Surveyor, Union County, and the same duly certified to and signed by said Elizabeth Mann, March 27, 1866, before Samuel B. Harbert, J. P., and recorded March 28, 1866. James Smith, Recorder, Union County.

It appears that after the town was incorporated in 1853, from neglect of the citizens to elect officials and continue their powers as a corporate body, they ceased to exist as such, and on August 4, 1866, were again incorporated, upon petition of J. J. Marsh, F. Garwood and thirty-nine other citizens, by the County Commissioners, James Fullington, Joseph K. Richey and John Cheney.

December 5, 1866, at a meeting of the Trustees of Milford Center, it was ordered that there be a re-numbering of the lots of the village, which was accordingly done. December 17, 1877, an addition to the town of Milford Center was made by French Garwood, embracing Outlot No. 14, in said town, and surveyed by A. S. Mowry, and the same acknowledged and signed by said French Garwood and Serepta H. Garwood, his wife, before J. G. Turner, J. P., and recorded January 24, 1878. George P. Robinson, Recorder, Union County."

It is understood that before George Reed laid out the town of Milford, there was only his mill and one log house—the residence of Joseph Mathers—on the site. The first store was opened by George Brown. The first hotel was kept by Nathaniel Kazer; and it is said that in one room was held the first court of Union County. This tavern was situated near where Elliott's brick store now stands. The first blacksmith was Joseph Kennedy, and the first Postmaster David Burnham. Robert Branson had the first saddler shop. Daniel Bowen was the first physician. This town grew quite rapidly, and for several years was the principal trading point in the county. But after the county seat was located at Marysville, that town soon surpassed this in growth and business.

In 1837, we find published in the *Ohio Gazette*, at Columbus, the following account of Milford: "A post town of Union County, situated near the center of Union Township, on the south bank of Big Darby Creek, five miles southwest of Marysville, thirty-two miles northwest of Columbus, twenty-two miles southeast of Bellefontaine, nine northeast from Mechanicsburg, eighteen northeast from Urbana, on mail route No. 1,616, carried on horseback once a week from Columbus through this place to Bellefontaine and back. The name of the post office is Milford Center. The town contains thirty dwelling houses, three stores, one tavern, one grist mill, one saw mill, one physician, two meeting houses—one for the Presbyterians and one for the Methodists—and several mechanics' shops." The town now (1882) contains a population of about five hundred inhabitants, and has three general stores, four groceries, two drug stores, one hardware store, two milliner stores, two dress-makers, one grist mill, one saw mill, one carriage factory, two blacksmiths, two livery stables, one grain warehouse, two shoe shops, three physicians, two hotels, one watch-maker and jeweler, two barber shops, four churches—Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Christian—and one schoolhouse, containing four rooms.

Early Licenses of Union Township:

William Burnham, dated May 15, 1820. George Brown, July 10, 1820, and July 11, 1821. Nathaniel Kazer, May 15, 1821. Otis Green, April 18, 1822. George Brown, July, 1822. Nathaniel Kazer, July, 1822 and November, 1823. Andrew Burnham, November 29, 1823. David Burnham, April

21, 1824. Lanson Curtis, September 27, 1822. David and Harvey Burnham, October 4, 1825. Lanson Curtis, October 4, 1825. Benjamin Lathrop, June 14, 1825. N. Kazer, February 25, 1825.

Irwin Station, a village of seventy-five or one hundred people, situated five miles southwest of Milford Center, on the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad, was laid out and called Irwin in honor of Mr. Irwin, one of the early settlers, who located near its site, and who became quite a prominent citizen of Union Township. Although the town was platted, yet it was never recorded; but it is a stirring and enterprising village, situated in the midst of a beautiful and rich farming country, and is an active trading place. The first house erected here was by James Miller; the first store was by John Parkison; the first blacksmith, William Phelps; the first Postmaster, David Clement. The town now has one general store, by O. M. McAdams; one grain warehouse, by Messrs. Woods & Dolbear; one steam saw mill, by Mr. Hough; one shoe shop; one tile factory, by Anthony Moran; one blacksmith, Jacob Shunk; one physician, Dr. Plymell; also, a large business is done here in buying, pressing and shipping hay and straw, and also in buying and shipping wood. The Methodists at one time erected a church edifice here, but were unable to pay for the building, and it was sold, and is now open and free for all denominations. In 1880, there was erected a fine brick schoolhouse, consisting of two rooms, with slate roof, and of a highly ornamental order of architecture. Its cost was over $6,000.

Homer was once quite a flourishing little village, but now nothing remains but four or five houses to show that there was ever a town existing. At the court house at Marysville, we find the following record: "Surveyed, October 10, 1834, for Elisha Reynolds, Surveys No. 7,789 and 4,946, on the waters of Little Darby Creek, the county road running on the line between said surveys, being the main street, which runs nearly north and south, and the numbering of lots beginning at the south part of the town, on the east side of Main, at No. 1, and numbered northward progressively to No. 18, and on the west side of Main street said lots are numbered from north to south from No. 19 to 35. Said Main street is four poles wide, with two cross streets, three poles wide each, named respectively North street and South street. Each lot is eight poles long, from Main street to alley. Lots No. 9 and 28 are six poles wide; Lots 8 and 29, and 6 and 31 are four poles wide; Lots 30 and 7 are four poles wide; Lots 5 and 32 are three and a half poles wide; all other lots in said town, excepting the ones above stated, are five poles wide. An alley of one pole wide runs on the back of all the lots across the town. Levi Phelps, Surveyor, Union County. Filed and recorded November 1, 1834. P. B. SMITH, *Recorder*.

At one time this town had one saw mill run by water power, one large general store, one cheese factory, one furniture manufactory, one wagon and carriage shop—first in the county for manufacturing fine buggies—one cabinet shop, one shoe shop, one blacksmith shop, and a woolen and carding mill with a spinning jenny; this latter business was just below the town. Homer was a bustling, lively village about 1840; but its glory is departed, and not a single branch of business is now carried on in the place. Many of the dwelling houses have been moved away, and what are left are in a dilapidated condition. Such are the changes produced by time and circumstances!

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS.

The first election of Union Township, after the organization of Madison County, and its formation into townships, was held at the house of John Mathers, in Milford, October 10. 1820. John McDowell, Andrew Gill and

George Reed acted as Judges. Hugh Porter and Richard Gabriel served as Clerks. Number of votes cast, 91. Ethan Allen Brown received 64 votes and Jeremiah Morrow 27 for Governor; Joseph Vance 46, Orris Parrish 24 and Daniel Smith 12 votes for Congress; scattering, 9; Gustavus Swan, 58, and Joseph Foos 32 for Senator; Nicholas Hathaway 90 for Representative; Joseph Kennedy 32, James Biggs 21, James Ewing 30, George Brown 2, James Reed 1 and Nathaniel Kazer 1 for Sheriff; David Comer 79, Samuel Reed 44, Robert Nelson 75, Henry Sager 33, and Thomas McDonald 10 for County Commissioner; Joel Frankelberger 20, Nathaniel Kazer 41, Joseph Kennedy 8, Robert Branson 6 and Anson Howard 1 vote for Coroner. Number of votes cast in 1876 was 396; in 1880, was 404.

Trustees.—1818, Andrew Gill, Joel Frankelberger and Ebenezer Mather; 1819, Thomas McDonald, William Gabriel and John Porter; 1820, William Gabriel, Joseph Kennedy and John McDowell; 1821, Elias Robinson, Andrew Gill and John Coolidge; 1822, William Gabriel, Nicholas Hathaway and Elias Robinson; 1823, Nicholas Hathaway, William Gabriel and Eilas Robinson; 1825, William Gabriel, Jacob Fairfield and Elias Robinson; 1826, Jacob Fairfield, Thomas McDonald and John Parthemore; 1827, Jacob Fairfield, Elias Robinson and Benjamin Hopkins; 1828–29, Elias Robinson, John Parthemore and Benjamin Hopkins; 1830–31, Benjamin Hopkins, John Parthemore and Harvey Burnham; 1832, James C. Miller, John Porter and Andrew Keyes; 1833, James H. Irwin, John Porter and Andrew Keyes; 1834–35, James Riddle, John Parthemore and James H. Irwin; 1836, ———; 1837, Benjamin Hopkins, John F. Sabine and Jacob Fairfield; 1838, Jacob Fairfield, Asahel A. Woodworth and John Capit; 1839, John Fairfield, Eliphas Burnham and Sumner Payne; 1840, Eliphas Burnham, Sumner Payne and Standish Colver; 1841, Jacob Fairfield, Sumner Payne and Eliphas Burnham; 1842, Sumner Payne, Eliphas Burnham and William Porter; 1843, Jacob Fairfield, Eliphas Burnham and William Porter; 1844, Jacob Fairfield, Benjamin Hopkins and William C. Piper; 1845–46, William C. Piper, William Porter and Sumner Payne; 1847, Sumner Payne, William C. Piper and John Reed 3d; 1848, Sumner Payne and Asahel A. Woodworth. 1849–50, Jacob Fairfield, John Reed and William C. Piper; 1851, William C. Piper, James C. Miller and Robert D. Reed; 1852–54, Robert D. Reed, William C. Piper and John F. Sabine; 1855–63, William C. Piper, Robert D. Reed and Artimus Fullington; 1864, William C Piper, Robert D. Reed and Harvey Burnham; 1865, Robert D. Reed, William C. Piper and Harvey Burnham; 1866–67, William C. Piper, Harvey Burnham and Joseph Coe; 1868–70, Dyer Reed, Harvey Burnham and William C. Piper; 1871–73, William C. Piper, Harvey Burnham and George Sinclair; 1874–76, George Sinclair, Harvey Burnham and B. F. Harris; 1877, George Sinclair, John Cranston and David Watson; 1878, David Watson, James Mitchell and J. J. Gabriel; 1879, David Watson, James Mitchell and William Stillings; 1880, B. F. Harris, Norton Reed and F. S. Pearl; 1881, W. Stillings. Milo Kimball and B. F. Harris; 1882, William Stillings, Milo Kimball and Norton Reed.

Clerks.—1818–20, Hugh Porter; 1821–22, Benjamin Treat; 1823–27, Nathaniel Kazer; 1828–31, Reuben P. Mann; 1832, Mathew Gooding; 1833–36, David Burnham; 1837, Wilson Reed; 1838, Norman Chipman; 1839–43, Andrew Keyes; 1844–45, David Burnham; 1846, Elias Topliff; 1847–51, David Burnham; 1852–58, Wilson Reed; 1859–75, William M. Winget; 1876–77, S. D. Elliott; 1878–82, J. G. Turner.

Treasurers.—1818, David Reed; 1819, Samuel Reed; 1820, George Reed; 1821, George Brown; 1821, 1823–24 (wanting); 1825, Richard Gabriel; 1826–27, Harvey Burnham; 1828–29, David Burnham; 1830, John Gabriel; 1831–

32, David Burnham; 1833–37, Norman Chipman; 1838–41, Oliver P. Kennedy; 1842, Benjamin Dolbear; 1843–44, Mathew Gooding; 1845, Andrew Keyes; 1846, William M. Galbreath; 1847–51, Andrew Keyes; 1852–56, Elisha L. Reynolds; 1857–58, George B. Burnham; 1859–60, A. G. Wood, 1861–62, Joseph Coe, who resigned, and John Reed was appointed; 1863–78; F. Garwood; 1879–81, W. M. Snodgrass; 1882, F. G. Reynolds.

Constables—1818, Vandever Reed and James Reed, Jr.; 1819, Benjamin Lathrop and Ebenezer Miles; 1820, Otis Green and Roger Moody; 1821, William Burnham and Benjamin Saunders; 1822, William Burnham and George Bagley; 1823, Andrew Burnham and Thomas Saunders; 1824, Andrew Burnham and James Irwin; 1825, David Kingery and Hugh Porter; 1826, David Kingery and John Porter; 1827, David Kingery and Samuel T. Hovey; 1828, Hollis Awey and Samuel T. Hovey; 1829, Joseph Moore and Ebenezer Martin; 1830, Oliver C. Kennedy and Benjamin Lyon; 1831, Joseph Morse and Benjamin Lyon; 1832, Elijah Bassett and G. W. Carpenter; 1833, David Kingery and William Douglas; 1834, Levi Patrick and Elias Hartley; 1835–36 (wanting); 1837, Elias Hartley, E. W. Bassett and Cyrus F. Waite; 1838, Elias Hartley, Ira Clark and James Galloway; 1839, A. C. Jennings, Madison H. Dee, Elias Hartley and W. H. Spears; 1840, William Sager, Elias Topliff, Madison H. Dee and William Morse; 1841, Elias Topliff, William Spencer, Samuel Hawley and Samuel Dee; 1842, Samuel Dee, Alonzo Garlick, Elias Topliff and Ransom Tarpenning; 1843, Ransom Tarpenning, L. Webster, J. H. Lumbard and J. Barrett; 1844, John Barrett, J. H. Lumbard, R. S. Maynard and Ransom Tarpenning; 1845, John W. Hopkins, Benjamin H. Lillard, George Newman and Sylvanus Campbell; 1846, Ralph Cherry, Samuel Kerr, Lathrop Kazer and Joseph Rice; 1847, J. H. Lumbard, J. R. Galloway, Joseph Rice and William N. Turner; 1848, Galatia Sprague, John C. Moore, Harvey Burnham and John Grangan; 1849, David Dee, John Grangan, James L. Miller; 1850, Isaac A. Morse and John Morrow, Jr.; 1851, John Morrow, Jr., D. W. Jones and Samuel Guy; 1852, John Morrow, William Gratty and Luther Winget; 1853, S. L. Reed, J. H. Lumbard and David Clement; 1854, T. Echelberger, Dyer Reed and George Morrow; 1855, J. T. Hage, S. L. Reed and E. Burrows; 1856, Enoch Burrows, I. W. Hopkins and David Clement; 1857, E. Burrows and J. C. Nichold; 1858, E. Burrows and J. A. Morse; 1859, George W. Gear, Enoch Burrows and Nelson Morse; 1860, W. M. Winget, Enoch Burrows and Joseph Morse; 1861, W. M. Winget, E. Burrows, Aaron Hill and A. T. Tanner; 1862, J. A. Morse, John Morse, W. H. Miller and W. M. Winget; 1863, J. A. Morse, W. M. Winget, Joseph Morse and N. N. Blake; 1864, W. M. Winget, S. L. Reed, W. Parthemore and N. G. Morse; 1865, S. L. Reed, J. A. Morse and John Galloway; 1866, Benjamin Locke, Jonathan Hardman and J. W. Swartz; 1868, F. McClenegan, A. Bronson and John W. Swartz; 1869, A. Bronson, B. Locke and G. W. League; 1870, A. Bronson, William Boswell and ——; 1871, Mathias Welsh and A. Bronson; 1872, J. H. Weiser and Samuel Bonnett; 1873, A. Bronson and H. Stokes; 1874, Samuel Bonnett and I. N. Paris; 1875, James Mitchell and John Robbins; 1876, Samuel Bonnett and James Mitchell; 1877, C. M. Reed and James Mitchell; 1878, George Wilson and Douglas Stewart; 1879, F. M. Reed; 1880, M. Gabriel; 1881–82, M. Gabriel.

Supervisors.—1818, David Comer, Nathaniel Potter and Samuel Reed; 1819, Samuel Reed, David Comer, Andrew Gill and John F. Gabriel; 1820, John Irwin, John T. Gabriel, Samuel Reed 3d, Andrew Gill, George A. Scott and David Witter; 1821, Moses Patrick, Joseph Mather, David Witter, John Parthemore, Samuel Reed and James Reed; 1822, David Comer, George Reed, Moses Patrick, Caleb Brooks, John Parthemore and Alexander Reed; 1823, David Witter, David Comer, John Coolidge, Jacob Fairfield, George Reed, John Parthemore and Levi Churchill; 1824, George Reed, Benjamin Hopkins, Benjamin Harrington, John Walton and Edward Hovey; 1825, John Parthemore, Martin Ballou, John Mitchell, George Reed and George Woodward. We will not give the Supervisors further, as they multiply very fast from this day forward, as the number of roads increased until their number reaches seventeen or more.

Overseers of the Poor.—1818, G. A. Scott and R. Branson; 1819, Stephen Bagley and William Gabriel; 1820, William Gabriel, Jr. and Jesse Bagley; 1821, Thomas Saunders and David Reed; 1822, Thomas McDonald and David Reed; 1823, Benjamin Hopkins and Richard Gabriel; 1824, John Porter and Sylvester Phelps; 1825, Andrew Gill and Robert Snodgrass. The records give no account of this class of officers after the last mentioned date.

Fence Viewers.—1818, Joseph Mather and David Bowen; 1819, Joseph Kennedy and Thomas Saunders; 1820, David Bowen and Warren Rose; 1821, David Bowen and Jesse Bagley; 1822, Robert McCloud and Silas Lewis; 1823, David Bowen and Warren Rose; 1824, David Bowen and Otis Green; 1825, David Bowen and Joseph Kennedy. And here this office appears to cease.

Appraisers.—1818, George Harris; 1819, John Reed; 1820, Robert Branson; 1821–22, Nathaniel Kazer; 1823–24, A. A. Williams; 1825, James C. Miller. No further account of this office given.

Listers.—1818, James Cochran; 1819, Samuel Reed; 1820, John Reed; 1821–25, John Reed. No further account, as office is filled by the Assessor.

Assessors.—1842, John Reed 3d; he served till 1846, when Eliphas Burnham was elected, and served continuously by re-election until 1867. Anthony Moran was elected and served one year, when in 1868 Eliphas Burnham was again elected, and served continuously by re-election till 1879. David Watson was elected and served one year. 1880, W. R. Webb was elected; 1881, Anthony Moran was elected; 1882, no Assessor mentioned on record.

Justices of the Peace—1818–23, John Irwin; 1821–32, Elias Robinson; 1821, George Brown; 1817, Joseph Kennedy, Richard Gabriel and Daniel Bowen; 1818, Joseph Stewart; 1823, Richard Gabriel; 1824, Hardin Hovey; 1826, Eliphas Burnham; 1830, Mathew Gooding; 1829–31, W. B. Irwin; 1836–39, Andrew Keyes; 1833–53, David Burnham; 1836–53, J. F. Sabine; 1842–56, W. B. Irwin (Mr. Irwin served twenty-eight years); 1842, Elias Topliff; 1845–54, Andrew Keyes; 1851, Robert D. Reed; 1854, E. F. Mann; 1854–62, George B. Burnham; 1854–62, O. C. Kennedy; 1856, John Stokes; 1858–63, David Clement; 1858–63, John Mitchell, Jr.; 1862, James B. Whelpley; 1864, R. D. Reed, J. C. Miller and Joseph Morse; 1865, William Goff and S. R. Harbert; 1866–77, William M. Winget; 1866, Harvey Burnham; 1868, Dixon Mitchell; 1869, C. L. Winget; 1870, Harvey Burnham; 1874, John Mitchell; 1876, S. D. Elliott and James McCloud; 1877–82, J. G. Turner; 1877, F. S. Pearl; 1879, Alison Armine; 1881, I. N. Paris (never served); 1882, John F. Granger.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

JOSEPH BAKER, deceased, was born in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, in 1819, and was a son of Ferrill Baker. His early life was passed in the place of his nativity. He studied medicine, and after graduating in 1844, located in this township, where he practiced for a number of years. He was a skillful physician, and as a man was universally respected. He was married to Phœbe, daughter of David Burnham; he was an acceptable member and an honored brother of the Masonic Lodge; he died March 15, 1880. David Burnham, and Nancy Gabriel, his wife, were the parents of Mrs. Baker; the former was born in Connecticut and settled in this county in about 1820. He was a man of fine business attainments and a Justice of the Peace for twenty years. His first wife died in 1829, and he was married the second time to Elizabeth McDonald, who

Peleg Cranston

was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1804, and was a daughter of Thomas McDonald, an old settler. His first wife was born in this township in 1806, and was a daughter of William Gabriel. His second wife died in 1881.

NELSON T. BENNETT, farmer, P. O. Irwin, was born in Stockbridge, Windsor County, Vt., in 1832, and is a brother of Foster Bennett, whose sketch appears in this work. His early life was spent in his native county until sixteen years of age, when he came to this township, and for five years resided with his uncle, John Smith, for whom he worked four years after reaching his majority. At twenty-five years of age, he rented the Smith farm, which he and his brother afterward bought, and at present he owns 248 acres of well-improved land. In 1856, he married Miss Hannah N. McCloud, the daughter of Curtis and Betsey McCloud, natives of Vermont, who settled in this township in 1816. By this marriage, four children were born, viz.: William C., John S., Clara E., and an infant, deceased. In politics, Mr. Bennett has always voted with the Republican party in all matters of public issue.

J. F. BENNETT, farmer, P. O. Irwin, was born in Windsor County, Vt., in 1834, and is a son of William and Experience Bennett, natives of Vermont. At the age of twelve years, he came to Union Township and took up his residence with an uncle, John Smith, with whom he remained until 1872, when he went to Marysville. After a temporary stay at the latter place, he purchased his present farm, which consists of 200 acres of well-improved land. He is a member of Darby Lodge of Odd Fellows at Milford Center, and, with his wife and daughter, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was married in 1857 to Miss Harriet McBride, a daughter of Alexander McBride, and by her has had one child—Cora. Mr. Bennett is a successful manager, and a good, practical farmer, and has accumulated during his life of farming a comfortable property, on which he resides.

HENRY W. BLAKE, deceased, was born at Georgetown, Vt., June 19, 1833, and died in Union County, Ohio, March 7, 1867. His father, John H. Blake, with his family, settled in this county in 1838, and made this his home through life, dying here May 5, 1881. He was the father of eleven children, of whom George, Moses, Byron and Charles survive, and Henry W., Samuel H., John T., Louisa, Cynthia, Mary and Hamilton are deceased. Henry W. was married July 24, 1855, to Mary J. Courtney, and had two children—Taylor R. and Ollie L. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded at the battle of Greenbrier, Virginia, in 1861. He was a life-long resident of the county, a carpenter by occupation, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Odd Fellows Lodge. His brother, Samuel H., enlisted in the same company and regiment, and was killed before Atlanta, Ga. John T. enlisted in 1861 in Company K, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was poisoned in 1863 at Milliken Bend. Byron enlisted in Company H, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in October, 1861. Moses enlisted May 9, 1864, in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. John W. and Jane (Keff) Courtney, parents of Mrs. Blake, were natives of England, who settled in Bradford County, Penn., where they died. They had seven children, viz.: John, William, McCain, Mary J. and Helen, surviving, and David W. and Edward, deceased. David W. enlisted in 1861, at the age of seventeen years, in the Thirteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and re-enlisted in 1864, serving through the whole of the war. He was a color-bearer, and was wounded at the battle of Stone River and Chickamauga, receiving four bullet-wounds in one day. He was taken prisoner at Stone River, and for twenty days endured the horrors of Libby Prison. After the close of the war, he enlisted in the regular army, and was killed by the Indians in the Custer massacre. Edward Courtney was a drummer-boy in a Pennsylvania regiment, and was wounded and died, aged seventeen years.

DR. DANIEL BOWEN, deceased, was born in Vermont, and in 1816 came to Milford Center. He studied medicine in his native State, and was one among the first practitioners in this vicinity, in which he practiced till his death. He was a skillful physician, and, as a man, was held in high esteem by all who knew him. During "old military days," he was Surgeon of a regiment. He was an accepted member of the Free-Will Baptist Church. He was married to Nancy Rice, by whom he had twelve children, of whom only one lives in this county, viz., Jane. A son, Daniel, is living, and the others are deceased.

ELIPHAS BURNHAM, deceased, was born at Hampton, Windham County, Conn., February 9, 1799, and was a son of Eliphas and Lydia (Smith) Burnham, natives of Connecticut. The ancestor of the sixth generation emigrated to this country from England. In 1818, the family came to Ohio, locating in this county, and in the spring of the following year Eliphas, Sr., settled his children along the western line of this township, purchasing 200 acres of land. They had the following children: Jacob, Zelinda, Eliphas, Lovenda, Orrilla, Juliette, Lydia, A. S. and Nancy M. Of these, all but Lovenda lived in this county, she living in the same neighborhood, but in Champaign County. The father and mother both died in this county; he soon after their arrival, and she subsequently. Our subject was married to Lydia Meacham, July 3, 1820. She was a native of Connecticut, and a daughter of Joseph Meacham, who settled in Champaign County in 1820. Mr. Burnham owned and resided on his first purchase until his death, owning at that time about 400 acres. His brother Jacob resided with him, and together they did business and attended the operations of the farm. Mr. Burnham served as Justice of the Peace three years, and for thirty-one consecutive years, from 1846, acted as Assessor. He was a man of sound judgment, one of the active movers in the organization of the Fair society in the county, and a champion of every movement that tended to the elevation of his community. Honest in business and trustworthy in every fiduciary capacity, he was often called upon to administer the estates of deceased citizens, and was always a friend to the widow and orphan. He was a member of the Universalist Church, but liberal in his religious belief, and open-handed in his contributions to all denominations and to every worthy enterprise. He was temperate in his habits, and a strong advocate of temperance in others, but not at all fanatical in his views. He died April 13, 1881. His wife, who was born June 14, 1796, died April 8, 1867. They had eight children viz.: Betsey, Thomas, Harvey, Andrew, Ralph, Marica Morse, Lucas, deceased, Dorcas S., deceased, and Jarred, deceased. Lucas enlisted in the Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, August 9, 1862, and died in Vicksburg Hospital July 23, 1863. Ralph was in the one hundred days' service. Jacob Burnham, the brother of our subject, was born October 27, 1794, and died April 26, 1866. He married Eliza Meacham, sister of his brother's wife. She was born May 30, 1802, and by her he had four children—Nicholas H., Albert, deceased, Hiram G. and Eliza A. The two families lived together, eating breakfast separately, but the other two meals together. Harvey Burnham, the son of Eliphas, was born in 1823, and was reared in the township where he lived the whole of his life, except five years spent in Champaign County. He was married November 17, 1861, to Mary Shields, daughter of J. B. Shields, by whom he has had seven children, viz.: Lucas, George, May, Pertie, Lydia M., Elmer and Bertie. Mr. Burnham has served as Trustee ten or twelve years, and as Justice of the Peace two terms. He owns 100 acres of land, well improved and under thorough cultivation, upon which he resides.

RALPH BURNHAM, farmer, P. O. Irwin, is a son of Eliphas Burnham, deceased, and was born on the old home place. His early life was passed on his father's farm, and in the district schools he obtained his education. He was married to Martha M., the daughter of William P. Greene, of Wisconsin, in 1861. He has lived in the township all his life, with the exception of a few years during which he resided in Iowa. He served one hundred days in Company B, of the One hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio National Guards; two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Burnham, viz.: Marble G. and Dorcas S. He and his son own 100 acres of land.

N. H. BURNHAM, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born at the old "Burnham homestead," in this county, November 23, 1823, and is a son of Jacob Burnham, an old settler who was born in Windham County, Conn., and had four children—N. H., Albert, deceased, Hiram G. and Eliza Ann, now Mrs. Fairchilds. In the early days of the county, he was much interested in religion and religious matters, and in his farm operations he met with well merited success, accumulating a large property, which, descending to his children, has made them all in good circumstances. Our subject was reared on the old place and received a commom school education. On February 13, 1851, he married Emeline E. Hopkins, daughter of Benjamin Hopkins, by whom he has had four children, viz.: Albert, Lizzie, Hattie and S. F. Mr. Burnham has been successful in life and now owns 213 acres of excellent land in Survey No. 7790.

GEORGE CALDWELL, farmer, P. O. Irwin, is a son of Thomas and Jane (Fullington) Caldwell, natives of Pennsylvania, and was born in Union County, Ohio, January 23, 1843; his father died when he was ten years of age, and until thirteen years of age he lived with his uncle James Fullington. He then lived with his mother until he reached his majority, when he took possession of the farm left him by his father, on which he resided until 1869, when he purchased the "Hill farm," on which he resides at present. On October 15, 1865, he married Maria, daughter of Archibald and Catharine (Argo) McAdams, and by her has had five children, viz.: An infant son, deceased, Hettie, Ella, Mora and Jinquie. Mr. Caldwell is a lifelong farmer and stock dealer and owns a farm of fifty-five acres. He is a Republican in politics. His mother resides in Mechanicsburg, at the advanced age of sixty-one years.

JOHN CONNOR, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in County Kings, Ireland, in 1812, and lived in his native place till 1836, when he emigrated to this country, landing in New York August 26, and on November 29 following arrived at Milford Center; the ten following years he rented land, and in 1847 he purchased 277 acres where he now lives. Success has crowned the effort put forth by Mr. Connor, and his accumulations resulted in 469 acres of fine land He was married to Catherine Conelly in Ireland, who bore him ten children, five living, viz.: Thomas, John, George, Eliza and Catherine. Thomas was a member of the Thirty-second Ohio Regiment; he enlisted in 1862, and was wounded in the leg at Harper's Ferry. Mrs. Connor died in 1856.

JOHN CRANSTON, deceased, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, January 25, 1829, and died at his home in Union County, October 6, 1876. He was the third child of a family of seven children born to John B. and Betsey (Lathrop) Cranston, the latter now deceased. He was raised on the farm and remained in his native county until 1858, when he came to Union County, settling on Buck Run, two and a half miles below Milford. Eleven years later, he moved to the farm on which he spent the remainder of his life, and where his widow now resides. He was a lifelong farmer and was one of the first farmers in this section to deal in the Norman draft horses; at the time of his death, he was possessed of about 223 acres of very fine land. On November 11, 1847, he married Sarah Jane Bland, a daughter of Saul and Abagail (Pharas) Bland, natives of Virginia, who had a family of twelve children. By this union two children were born—John L. and Clara, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Cranston died in 1851, and in 1852 Mr. Cranston married Emeline Bond, a sister of his first wife, and by her had five children—Clarence, a resident of Topeka, Kan.; Hagar, wife of Henry Zeminar; Viola, wife of Charles Erb; John B. and Anna B., the two latter being the only ones at home. Mr. Cranston was a Republican in politics, and at the time of his death was serving as a County Commissioner; he also held, during his lifetime, most of the offices of his township, including Trustee, School Director and others. He was a substantial farmer and a devout Christian gentleman. He was a member of the Christian Church all his life, having made profession at the age of thirteen years, and took a deep interest in all religious matters. During his life, he made provision for very liberal bequests to be paid to several religious institutions connected with his church, including the Union Christian College of Ind., Starkey Seminary and the Biblical Institute, New York, in addition to amounts paid to these corporations and to churches during his life.

JOSEPH DAVIS, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Virginia in 1795, and is a son of George Davis, of Virginia, who was a son of Michael Davis. In 1810, the family came to Ohio, and settled in Knox County, where they made a permanent home. Our subject followed farming in Knox County until 1854, when he came, with his family, to this county, and purchased 196 acres of land where he now lives. He was married, December 3, 1818, to Lydia Shenneberry, by whom he has had the following children, viz.: Mary, Howley, Michael, Margaret, Elizabeth, Joseph, George, Shannon and Catharine, now surviving, and Nancy, George, William, Lydia and an infant, deceased. The survivors all reside in this county, and are all well to do. Mr. Davis has always been a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his wife of the Christian. He began life with no means, but by industry and close attention to his business he has accumulated a handsome property, which he now fully enjoys. He and his sons own about 600 acres of prime land.

WILLIAM DAVIS, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Knox County, Ohio, November 18, 1818, and is a son of Michael and Elizabeth Davis, the former a native of Virginia and a son of George Davis, who removed to Pennsylvania, and in 1810 came to Knox County, Ohio. Here Michael lived until 1829, when he came with his wife and four children—Catharine, William, Alexander and Mary—to Union County. Four others were born here, viz.: George W. Harrison, Nancy and Joseph, Jr. In 1829, the family settled on the land occupied by George Hawley, purchasing eighty acres. Two years afterward, he sold this and purchased where John Stuber now lives, which he also sold afterward. He was always a resident of the county, and prospered financially. He was a Presbyterian in belief. His son, Harrison, enlisted in the Sixty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as First Lieutenant of Company H, which he helped to raise, and was killed in the charge on Mission Ridge. Joseph and Alexander served in a "hundred days'" regiment. Mr. Davis died in 1872. Mrs. Davis is yet living at an advanced age. Our subject was eleven years old when his parents came to Ohio. He has since then made his home in Union County. He has never married, but has always had charge of his father's family. He owns a good farm of ninety acres, in the northeastern part of the township. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and passed through this township in 1812 on his way to join his regiment at Urbana. He was in Lewis Cass' Regiment, and Hull's division.

PETER DIX, proprietor Union Tile Factory, Irwin, is a son of Clark Dix, an old settler of Champaign County, and was born in 1853. His early life was passed on the farm, and he continued in agricultural pursuits until April 1, 1882, when he purchased the tile mill now owned by him, and two acres of ground, of J. A. Gillespie. He was married, December 5, 1875, to Miss Ella J., a daughter of E. R. and Mary Chester, of Linn County, Iowa, and a native of Hancock County, Wis. By this marriage three children were born, viz.: George E., Frank E. and Arthur W. Mr. Dix and wife are members of the Universalist Church. He has entered extensively into the manufacture and sale of drain tile, employs three men, and turns out a quantity of superior tile, which finds a ready market. His kiln has a capacity for burning over 200 rods, which will be largely increased during the next year. His ware is eagerly sought for by purchasers on account of its superior finish, which renders it less liable to break and makes it more durable than the ordinary tile.

H. N. DOWNER, retired, Milford Center, was born in Orleans County, Vt., in 1806, and passed his early life in his native State, in which he lived till after his marriage, when he went to Westville, N. Y., where he lived twelve years, and followed shoe-making and farming. In October, 1845, he came to this county, and landed in Milford Center $7.25 in debt, which amount he earned and paid by working at 37½ cents per day. He has followed his trade since, and has always had an abundance to do. His energy and ambition always found him plenty of work, and he has been prosperous; he owns a nice property, consisting of twelve acres of land, with a good building erected thereon. On July 12, 1829, he was married to Mary Jones, who has borne him eight children, five of whom are living, viz.: Hartwell N., Alvin, Lavonia, Abigail and Albert W. The deceased are Grafton and two infants. Grafton was a member of Company F, Thirteenth Ohio Regiment. Enlisted in 1861, and was killed at the battle of Stone River December 31, 1862, aged twenty-two years. Albert W. enlisted in 1864, and was a drummer. Mrs. Downer died in 1878. She was born in 1809. Mr. Downer has been a life-long Republican.

S. D. ELLIOT, merchant and miller, Milford Center, was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1828, and is a son of John D. and Ruth (Dillon) Elliot, natives of Ohio, who settled in Logan County in 1849, where they made a permanent home. The early life of our subject was passed in the milling business. When he reached his majority, he began merchandising in Zanesfield, Logan County, where he carried on business for twelve or fifteen years. In 1873, he located at Milford Center and purchased a mill, which he has operated since. In 1877, he purchased the business of French Garwood, deceased, and has since been engaged as a merchant. He was married, March 14, 1850, to Miss Margaret Henry, of Logan County, by whom he has had three children, Etta, Pattie and Linnie. His son has charge of the store and is assisted in its management by David Hopkins, a colored man, who has been connected with the business for many years. The mill is in charge of a son-in-law, J. A. Moore, who has been in the mill since 1873, and has had entire control since 1877. Mr. Elliot is a member of Darby Lodge, No. 636, I. O. O. F., of which he was a charter member. He is also a member of Palestine Lodge, F. & A. M., Marysville, and of the Chapter.

CHARLES ERB & BROTHER, manufacturers of carriages and buggies, Milford Center. The business of the above firm was established in 1850, by Charles Erb, the father of the present proprietors, who continued the business until his death in 1874. He operated quite extensively during his life, and at his death handed the business down to his sons. He was a native of Baden, Germany, where he learned his trade. He emigrated to America in 1850, and in the same year located and began business as above stated. He was the father of ten children, of whom six—Charles, George, Mary, Will, Lewis and Lizzie—are living and residents of this county, and Anna, Carrie, Emma and Lewis are deceased. The brothers who now control the father's establishment learned their trade under their father's instructions and are both competent and efficient workmen, who turn work out at their factory that is equal to any in the county, They employ usually about six hands. They do an extensive business and all their finished work finds ready sale in the local markets. Charles, the senior member of the firm, was born in this place in December, 1854, and when of sufficient age entered the business which he now controls. In 1879, he married Viola, daughter of John Cranston, deceased. George, the junior member of the firm, was born in 1857, and was also early put to work at his trade.

J. V. FINLEY, retired farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., in the year 1801. His life was passed in his native State until 1846, when he came to this county and settled in Allen Township, purchasing 300 acres of land which he cleared and improved, and in 1875 sold. He has held some of the minor offices of the township and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which he has been connected a number of years. He was married in Pennsylvania to Elizabeth Williams, by whom he has had nine children, eight living, viz.: Joseph, Robert, James E., John, Alfred, Margaret, Frances and Mary. Joseph and Robert were privates in the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which they enlisted in the beginning of the war and with which they saw active service until the rebellion was put down. John was a member of a three months regiment. Mr. Finley built a saw mill which he operated five years, but he has been principally engaged in farming and has met with marked success, now owning a good property.

JAMES FULLINGTON, farmer, P. O. Irwin, was born in this township in 1828. He is a son of Moses and Harriet (Guy) Fullington, natives of Vermont, who emigrated to Ohio in 1816 or 1817, and for one year stopped at Granville, after which they came to this township, and located on land purchased by his father, George Fullington, who died in Madison County. George Fullington was a man of literary habits, and devoted the whole of his attention to literary pursuits. He had six children that came to Ohio with him, and two were born here after his arrival, Moses being the only one that became a resident of this county. The other children were Abigail, wife of Charles Phellis; Adelaide, second wife of William Guy; Claret, first wife of William Guy; Salina, wife of John Burnham; Mary, wife of R. Kimball, deceased; Thomas J., who died in Illinois, and Sallie, deceased. Moses Fullington had four children, viz.: Jane, wife of Charles A. Baker; James, Charles and George, deceased. Mr. Fullington died in 1850, aged forty-nine years; his wife died in 1832. He was an energetic, hard-working man, and succeeded in accumulating a handsome property. Our subject was reared on a farm, and until fifteen years of age attended the common schools. In February, 1844, he went to Kansas in the interest of his father, who was buying stock and driving it over the mountains, and in this business he participated for nine years. In 1852, he married Eliza H. McMullen, of Springfield, Ill., and after marriage located on his farm in this township, where he has since resided. In 1878, he was elected County Commissioner, and during his term of service was an able advocate of free pikes. He was also a member of the State Board of Equalization for ten years, and at present is a member of the State Board of Public Works. He owns 1,200 or 1,300 acres of land located in this township. He has had six children born to him, viz.: Lucy V., wife of A. Howard, Walter C., C. Phellis, Edward Mc., F. Guy and Belle Brown

JAMES GABRIEL, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in this township December 19, 1819, and is a son of Richard and Sarah (Sackett) Gabriel, the former born in Maryland and the latter in Pennsylvania. (For date of the settlement of the family here, see sketch of John Gabriel.) He (Richard) bought 150 acres of land on which he lived and died. He was Justice of the Peace a number of terms, and also held the office of County Clerk. He and wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a Ruling Elder. Three children were born to them, viz.: James, Eli and Mary Ann, the two latter deceased. Mrs. Gabriel died about 1849. He married, for his second wife, Sarah Robinson, who bore him five children, viz.: Hannah F., Ruth, Josiah, Richard, and John, deceased. Mr. G. died in 1870, aged ninety-two years. Our subject was married in 1847 to Rebecca Swartz, *nee* Hall, and at once settled on the place where he now lives. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of many years' standing, and a very exemplary man. Nine children have been born to him, viz.: Rodney, Mary, Eli, Sidney B., Sarah B., Mattie, Maggie, Sackett and Hattie. Mr. Gabriel owns 150 acres of land, and is a prosperous citizen.

JON J. GABRIEL, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born on the place where he now lives, April 20, 1823, and is a son of John F. and Maria (Stewart) Gabriel. He (John F.) was born in Maryland, and when a young man, in 1800, came to this township. His brother, William, came the year previous, and purchased 500 acres of wild land, which became their homes; they prospered in life and accumulated good properties. John F. was a twin brother to Richard, of whom mention is elsewhere made. They possessed fine musical talent, and were faultless performers on the violin. John F. was married to Maria, the daughter of Joseph and Eleanor Stewart, by whom he had five children, three of whom are living, viz.: Joseph, Hiram and John; Josiah and Johnson, deceased, the former killed by a large tree falling upon him. Mr. Gabriel (J. F.) died November 15, 1828, aged fifty years. His wife died in 1872, aged seventy-one years. Our subject was married to Sarah C., the daughter of Jacob and Sarah C. Parthemore, who bore him four children, viz.: Myron, Helen, Elmer and John. Mr. Gabriel has filled the office of Trustee one term. He owns 150 acres of land. The parents of Mrs. Gabriel (the Parthemores) located here in 1812 or 1813. Joseph Stewart and family settled here in 1809.

HON. FRENCH GARWOOD, deceased, was one of the oldest merchants in Union County; was born in East Liberty, Logan Co., Ohio, April 7, 1823. He was the eldest of seven brothers, and son of Isaiah and Caroline Garwood. His father was a Virginian and came to Ohio very early in its settlement, then inhabited by several tribes of Indians. When the oldest child was but thirteen years of age, the family circle was broken up by the death of their mother. French, at that early age, was placed as clerk with a merchant of East Liberty, named Harrington. In the spring of 1838, he came to Union County, and was employed by Immer Reynolds in the furniture trade, and as clerk in the mercantile business. Mr. Garwood was with Mr. Reynolds until the year 1845, in the mean time receiving the greater part of his school education, and becoming a finished workmen in the manufacture of furniture, as well as a trusted clerk in the store. The death of his employer occurring about that time, the business was closed up, and between the years of 1845 and 1849, he was with Louis Reynolds, selling goods in Milford Center, and with Rodney Pickett, an old merchant of Marysville, also book-keeper for Ralph E. Runkle, of West Liberty, Ohio. In 1849, he located in Urbana, Ohio, as clerk with the Weaver Brothers. In the fall of 1851, he commenced selling goods in Milford Center, and April 15, 1852, married Sarepta H. Reynolds, daughter of Immer and Hope Reynolds. Their children are Charles M., Don A., Nellie E. and Venetia, all of whom are at present living. Mr. Garwood was a leading merchant and largely identified with the business interests of Milford for a period of twenty-seven years, always holding some office of trust, among them that of Township Treasurer, also Sunday-school Treasurer of Union Sabbath school, and, although not a member of any church, as he used to laughingly remark, "first-cousin to all the churches;" he was truly generous to them all, both in opinion and financially. He was an honored member of Palestine Lodge, No. 158, of Free and Accepted Masons; also member of Darby Lodge, No. 636, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and practiced and taught the tenets of each, both by precept and example. French Garwood was enrolled, on the 2d day of May, 1864, to serve one hundred days as First Sergeant in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment of National Guards of Ohio Volunteers, H. Irwin Smith, Colonel, commanding. He was honorably discharged from the service, August 31, 1864, at Camp Chase, Ohio, by reason of expiration of term of enlistment. In politics, Mr. Garwood was always a zealous Republican, and represented Union County in the Ohio Legislature for two sessions—1876–77. After his legislative term, his health failing, he remained at home unoccupied for some months, but being of an energetic and industrious habit, accepted of the position as cashier in the Milford Center Bank, which position he held at the time of his death, which occurred April 5, 1879. His funeral ceremonies were conducted by the Order of Knights Templar, of which he was a member. In memorial, we will simply quote the sentiment of a friend: "He was a gentleman in deportment, kind-hearted and benevolent, and had inbred in his nature all those qualities of head and heart which render men esteemed by their fellow-men."

SPENCER GARWOOD, physician and surgeon, Milford Center, was born in Logan County, Ohio, in 1835, and is a son of Jose H. and Angeline (Culver) Garwood. The former settled in this town with his parents, Daniel and —— (Bishop) Garwood, who resided here one year and then went to Logan County, where he died. He was a native of Virginia. Angeline Culver, who was a native of New York, and a daughter of David and Catherine (Callinder) Culver, natives of Connecticut, came to this county in 1812 with her parents, who settled on land purchased in this township, where they lived a number of years and then moved to Madison County. The boyhood of our subject was passed on the farm in Logan County, and in attending the public schools of that county. He remained on the farm until he reached his majority, when he entered the Farmers' College at Cincinnati, in which he remained three years, reaching his Sophomore year. In 1861, he enlisted in the Thirteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served three months. At the expiration of his term of service, he re-enlisted in Company B, Eighty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and, being sent to the front, saw some active service, but was largely engaged in guarding prisoners at Camp Chase. After four months' service in the above regiment, he re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-second Regiment Ohio National Guards, and was made Captain of Company K. His regiment saw service in the front, and participated in the battle of Cold Harbor and other lesser engagements. Mr. Garwood served in the above regiment until September, 1864, when he was mustered out of the service and returned home. Previous to his discharge, in 1863, he entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, and in 1864 entered the Medical Department of Michigan University at Ann Arbor, completing his studies and graduating at the latter. He then went to Iowa and for two years practiced his profession at Council Bluffs, also opening the first drug store between Council Bluffs and Salt Lake City. He then went to Columbus, Neb., where he practiced medicine, officiated as Postmaster, and kept drug store for two years after. He subsequently went to Massachusetts, where he married Vashti Detwiler, in 1866, and returned to Des Moines, going from there to Fort Scott, Kan., where he remained fourteen years, practicing his profession. In 1880, he went to Washington, D. C., and practiced medicine until the spring of 1882, when he located at Milford Center. He has three children, viz.: Grace O., Ralph S. and Culver D. The Doctor is a prominent and worthy member of the Masonic fraternity.

JACOB GIBSON, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Pennsylvania in 1811, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth Gibson, natives of Pennsylvania, who settled in Fayette County, Ohio, about 1814, and lived there until 1826, when they came to Union County and settled in this township, where he lived until his death. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a man who took considerable interest in religion. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. By his first wife, who died in Fayette County in 1823, he had three children, of whom our subject is the only survivor. Our subject was reared on the farm in Fayette County, and came to this county in 1826, having lived here continuously since. He owns 224 acres of land, well improved, on which he resides He had four children, viz.: Stewart, deceased, Thomas, Missouri, deceased, and Jane, deceased. Stewart enlisted in 1861 in Company B, Thirty-second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry for three years, and died in November, 1861, at Hutsonville, Va., at the age of twenty-four years. Mrs. Gibson, whose maiden name was Eleanor Stewart, was a daughter of Joseph and Eleanor Stewart, and died in 1872.

J. H. GILLESPIE, farmer, P. O. Irwin, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, in 1819, and is a son of James and Mary Gillespie, he of Pennsylvania and she of Kentucky. They settled in Champaign County, Ohio, in an early day, where they died, leaving three children. In 1841, our subject came to this county, to Milford Center, and in 1849 settled on the farm where he now resides. In 1845, he was married to Anna E., the daughter of Dr. Nicholas Hathaway, by whom he has had three children, viz.: Mary E., Harvey M. and Gertrude A. Mr. Gillespie owns an excellent farm of 200 acres. Dr. Hathaway was born in Massachusetts December 4, 1773. He studied medicine in an Eastern college, and was a graduate. In 1817, he, with his family, consisting of his wife and seven children, came to and settled in this township, in which he purchased 1,000 acres of land. He was a successful practitioner and an influential and respected citizen. He was one of the first judges of the county, and served in the Legislature two terms, the first in 1826, the other probably in 1834. He was a Democrat in political faith, and was an exemplary member of the Christian Church, in which he was a Deacon. By his first wife, Anna Perce, he had nine children; seven came to Ohio, viz.: Elnathan P., Lenora, William R. P., Joana P., Elias, Catherine, Ebenezer. His first wife was born December 18, 1769. By his second wife, Elizabeth Mitchell Martin, he had one child, viz.: Anna E. Mrs. Hathaway died February 15, 1863. She was born May 2, 1787.

ORIN HAMMOND, farmer, P. O. Irwin, was born in Ontario County, N. Y., April 10, 1809, and is a son of Jonathan Hammond, who settled in Clark County, Ohio, in 1812, and afterward in Madison County, from whence he went to Illinois and died. Our subject resided in Madison County six years, and in 1839 came to this township, where he has since lived and prospered. He owns a good farm of 103 acres, on which he resides. For a time he dealt extensively in stock, but now devotes his time exclusively to farming. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. They have had ten children, viz.: Jonathan, Joseph E., Ruhama, Caroline, Adelaide, Jane, Mattie, Jay, deceased, William, deceased, and an infant, deceased. Jay enlisted in May, 1864, in Capt. Fullington's company, and saw active service until sickness overcame him, when he returned home and died in November, 1876. He was Sergeant of his company.

GEORGE HAWLEY, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Stark County, Ohio, near Canton, in 1816, and is a son of John and Anna Hawley, the former a native of Ireland, who came to America when two years of age, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania, of Irish parentage. In 1826, they came to this township, where he had purchased 400 acres of land—all in woods—at $2 and $3 per acre, on which he lived during his life and prospered. They were both members of the Presbyterian Church, and took a deep interest in religious matters. They had twelve children, of whom two live in this county, one in Illinois, and one in Champaign County. His wife died in 1844, and he in 1847. Our subject was but ten years of age when his parents came to Ohio. He was married, in 1840, to Mary, daughter of Joseph Davis, of Knox County, Ohio, who settled here about 1857. After marriage, he settled on the old home place, and eighteen years ago came to his present place. He owns 144 acres of good land, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He had one son, Valoris B., in Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted in 1861, and died of typhoid fever at Bardstown, Ky., in 1862. They had six other children, viz.: Margaret F., George D., Joseph U., D. J., Mary Altura and Emma B. Five of these are living.

AARON HILL, deceased, was a native of Connecticut, where his life was passed until some time after he reached his majority. In many respects he was a representative man. He came to Ohio in a buggy, in 1830—poor in purse, but rich in ambition—and for three years worked as a farm hand. In 1833, he returned to Connecticut, and married Lucinda Robinson, after which he again came to this county, and, purchasing land, remained here for the rest of his life. He died November 24, 1862, aged about sixty-five years. For the sake of educating his children, he removed to Yellow Springs soon after the opening of Antioch College, and remained four or five years. He had three children. He was industrious and frugal, a shrewd business man, and generous to a fault, always assisting the poor who were worthy, and lending his sympathy to those in distress. He was affectionate and kind to his family, an obliging neighbor and a trusty friend. In later life, he made profession of religion, and devoted himself to a Christian life His last sickness was long and painful.

WATERMAN HILL, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in this township in 1834, and is a son of Aaron Hill, an old settler, whose name is mentioned elsewhere in this work. His early life was passed on the farm and in attending the district schools, where he obtained the rudiments of an education that was developed by a course of study at Antioch College. When twenty-one years of age, he began life for himself as a farmer. In 1870, he went to Yellow Springs to educate his children, and remained there seven years. In 1877, he returned to this county, and purchased 286 acres of his present farm, which consists of 314 acres. It is well improved, highly cultivated, and thoroughly stocked. On December 9, 1857, he married Miss Susan E. Bennett, by whom he has had four children, viz.: Anna L., Ollie L., Mattie M. and Blanche M. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are good and consistent members of the Methodist Church. He has never served in any official capacity, having no aspiration in that direction, but devotes his whole time and attention to the cultivation of his farm and the care of his family.

EDWARD P. HOUGHTON, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born at Liverpool, England, April 14, 1851, and is a son of Zachariah B. Houghton. He passed his early life at Liverpool, and was educated at Cambridge University, from which he graduated in 1867. In 1871, he emigrated to America and located in this county. Since his arrival, he has gone to England four times, making nine times that he has crossed the Atlantic. On New Year's Day, 1871, he married Jennette Drew, a daughter of Thomas Drew, and a grand-daughter of Samuel Drew, a man of great literary attainments and wide renown. By this marriage four children have been born, viz.: Gertrude, Zachariah, Harriet and Albert. Mr. Houghton is a member of Darby Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Milford Center.

WILLIAM McDONALD HOWARD, farmer, P. O. Irwin, was born on the farm now occupied by him, on October 20, 1839. His father, William Howard, was a native of Connecticut, who came to Ohio when a young man, and married Nancy McDonald, by whom he had three children, viz.: Nathan, Harriet, deceased, and William. The father died before our subject was born, and he was raised on the farm by his mother, who died in February, 1876. He was educated in the common schools of this county, and at Antioch College, Delaware, Ohio. In 1866, he married Lucy McMullan, daughter of John and Lucy (Matthews) McMullan. By this union four children were born, viz.: William, John, Walter and Ancie. Mr. Howard is a Republican in politics, but he takes no part in party struggles, and devotes his time entirely to his farm. He owns a large amount of land in this and Madison County, and is extensively engaged in stock-raising and dealing. His farm is one of the pleasantest, neatest and best regulated in the county.

WILLIAM B. IRWIN, deceased. In 1805, the worthy pioneer named here emigrated to Ohio from Wheeling, Va., and settled in Montgomery County. Two years later, he removed to Greene County, from which, after two more years had passed, he came to the territory now embraced in Union County, and settled (in 1809) in what is now Union Township in the county last named. He continued a resident of this county forty-nine years, and during that period held the office of County Surveyor twenty-two years, County Commissioner for a considerable length of time, and Justice of the Peace for Union Township forty years. In his capacity of surveyor, he became very familiar with this portion of the Virginia Military Lands, and was able to settle many a knotty point connected with certain locations. "He was recognized," says a writer after his death, "as a man of good judgment, and this kept him in almost constant official position. He was highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens, no stain of any description having at any time soiled his good reputation." In 1858, he removed to Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio, at which place he continued his residence until his death, in October, 1878, at the age of eighty-three years. The writer quoted above further says: "He has been gathered to his fathers at a ripe old age, and his friends and neighbors, not only in Union County, but the county where he last resided, will hold his memory in reverence to their latest years." The *Lebanon Gazette*, in an obituary notice of him, uses the following language:

"Another pioneer has gone to his final resting place. He sleeps the sleep that knows no waking. His toils and cares are over, and he is now receiving the promised rest, that only such men as he can have. This venerable and much-esteemed citizen of our place breathed his last here yesterday afternoon. He was eighty-three years old the 2d of this month. He died of general debility and old age, and passed away in a peaceful, quiet slumber. He had slept most of the time for five days previous to his demise, refusing any kind of nourishment that was offered him. His mind was not so much impaired, but he had no physical strength whatever. Mr. Irwin has been an exemplary member of the Presbyterian Church for over sixty years, during most of which time he was an Elder, few were the meetings but what this aged sire might have been seen in his accustomed pew. He was a Justice of the Peace in Union County for over forty years, and was a man of sterling worth and ability. He surveyed most of the land which now comprises the above named county; and for years after he came to the county, although then past the meridian of life, he has surveyed many of the tracts in our own county. He has been industrious to a fault, working when most men of his years and crippled condition would have given up and done nothing. His life is run, and now he will reap the reward of a crown in heaven."

Mr. Irwin's remains were taken to Milford Center, Union County, for burial.

MILO KIMBALL, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Rush Township, Champaign Co., Ohio, in 1835, and is a son of Beula Kimball, a native of Vermont, who settled in the above county when seventeen years of age, and was among the first settlers. Our subject passed his early life in his native county, and obtained his education in the district schools. In 1859, he married Hester A., daughter of Robert and Rebecca McIlroy, and after marriage located on a farm in Rush Township, where he resided until 1872, when he purchased fifty-five acres where he now lives, which he owns in addition to 120 acres in Champaign County. He enlisted in May, 1864, in Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Regiment Ohio National Guards, and saw active service for four months, when he was honorably discharged. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church, with which they have been connected many years and in which he is a Deacon. They have had seven children, viz.: Delphos R., William B., Lewis H., Ora, deceased, Bennie, deceased, an infant, deceased, and Josiah Knight.

ROBERT F. LEE, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Hampshire County, W. Va., February 14, 1824. His father, Thomas Lee, was born in Old Virginia in 1791, and died in Union County, Ohio, in March, 1864. He was a lifelong farmer, a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Christian Church. As a son of the "Old Dominion," he was hospitable and generous; a man of decided convictions, he expressed his opinions without regard to public feeling and withal was a hard-working, honest pioneer. In 1816, he married Anna Goode, a daughter of Felix Goode, and a native of West Virginia, born in 1796; they had twelve children, viz.: Elizabeth, Addison, Sarah, Margaret, deceased, Robert F., Nancy, Jacob C., Jane, Louisa, deceased, Martha, Thomas and Martin V.; of the survivors, one lives in Kansas and the others in Ohio, three of the latter in this county. The family came to Ohio in 1833 and located in Clark County, where they spent one year after which they made a permanent settlement in this county, where the mother died in 1870. Our subject was raised on a farm, and received a very limited education in the public schools of early days. He was married in 1847 to Elenor J., daughter of William Abraham, of this county, by whom he had two children—Anna Elizabeth, deceased, and William McClain. Mrs. Lee died in 1852, and in 1854 Mr. Lee married Sarah P. Gabriel, daughter of John Gabriel, of this county, and by her had six children, viz.: Francis D., Hilas M., Ora O., John Douglass, deceased, Elizabeth J. and Emma Rossetta. Mr. Lee's second wife died in March, 1873, and he remained a widower until July, 1882, when he married Mrs. Mary R. (Reed) Neal, a daughter of R. D. Reed, and widow of James Neal, deceased. Mr. Lee commenced life for himself in 1847, purchasing sixty acres of land, which he afterward increased to 265 acres, 115 acres having recently been given to his sons. He is a member of the Christian Church and a Democrat in politics, but has never held an official position other than the minor township offices.

BENJAMIN LOCKE, liveryman, Milford Center, was born in this township in the year 1838. His father, John Locke, was a son of Benjamin Locke, one of the first settlers of this section. He built one of the first houses at Milford Center, where he died and where his family lived for a long time, when they scattered and went to other parts of the country. John Locke married Louisa, daughter of Benjamin Harrington, a pioneer of this county, and made this his permanent home, dying here in 1851. He was a farmer and a licentiate minister, and a man universally beloved and respected by all who knew him. He had a family of eight children, of

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whom our subject is the only resident of this county. The latter, in 1861, enlisted in Clinton County, Ill., in the Nineteenth Illinois Zouaves, and, returning to Ohio after three months' service, he re-enlisted in Company B, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and being sent to the front, was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry, but immediately paroled. He was with Sherman in the Vicksburg campaign, after which he was veteranized and came home on furlough. He returned to the base of operations before Atlanta, was with Sherman in his march to the sea and participated in many of the hard-fought battles of the war. In the latter days of the war, he was promoted to First Lieutenant of a colored company, but refused the commission and was discharged in 1865, having served four and a half years. Returning home, he engaged in work, and in 1867 started his present enterprise, in which he has since been engaged. He was a member of Darby Lodge, No. 636, I. O. O. F., for a time, but honorably withdrew his membership.

LUCY ANN LUCAS, daughter of Elijah and Amy Ann Witter, old settlers of whom mention is made in this work, was born in Union County, Ohio, February 24, 1831. On April 3, 1851, she married Thomas Lucas, a native of Pennsylvania, of Scotch and German parentage, with whom she moved to Madison County, where he died in 1853, aged twenty-six years two months and four days. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief. They had two children, viz.: Amy A., who married John M. Milton, by whom she had two children—Charlie M. and Raymond H.; and Lucy Amelia, who married William Owen, by whom she has two children—Henry Clay and Alta, both daughters, living in Mechanicsburg. Mrs. Lucas was married again in 1865 to Aman Stanton, by whom she had three children—Eunice M., and two that died in infancy. Mrs. Lucas is a member of the Baptist Church, to which she has been connected since eighteen years of age. Mr. Stanton was a member of Company A, Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, from February 2, 1864, to July 3, 1865.

GEORGE LYONS, druggist, Milford Center, was born in Union Township in 1846, and is a son of Benjamin and Mary (Morrow) Lyons, who were among the early settlers. The latter died February 13, 1882. They were parents of two children—Martha and George. Mrs. Lyons had been previously married to —— Whelpley. Mr. Lyons had been previously married twice, and had children. The early life of our subject was passed on a farm near Milford Center, and in attending the district schools, where he obtained an ordinary education. He remained on the farm until April, 1864, when he enlisted in the Thirty-second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company F, and was immediately sent to the front in the Atlanta campaign. He participated in the actions at and around Atlanta, was with Sherman in his march to the sea and on grand parade at Washington D. C. He was discharged in July, 1865. Upon his return home, he followed different avocations until April, 1871, when he engaged in his present business. He is a member of the Darby Lodge, No. 636, I. O. O. F. He was married in 1876 to Nannie Steward, by whom he had three children—Dessie, deceased, Charlie and Zoe.

J. M. McILROY, farmer, P. O. Irwin, was born in Richland County, Ohio, in 1837, and is a son of James S. and Cassadia McIlroy, the former a native of Washington County, Penn., and the latter of Harrison County, Ohio. Our subject's boyhood was passed on a farm, his education being limited to the common schools. Before reaching his majority, he moved with his parents to Illinois, and after residing in that State about three years he went to Iowa, where he spent three years more, returning to Champaign County just before the war. In October, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company H, Sixty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and in December, 1863, was veteranized, receiving at the same time a First Lieutenant's commission. He saw hard service until the close of the war, passed all the grades of promotion up to Captain, and as such resigned his commission at Goldsboro, N. C., March 5, 1865. Returning home, he followed farming in Champaign County until 1882, when he bought 237 acres where he now resides. He was married, March 13, 1866, to Susan, daughter of T. M. Kimball, of Champaign County, and by her has had four children, viz.: Nellie, Thaddeus, Lois and James.

JAMES C. MILLER, Sr., retired, P. O. Irwin, was born at Green River, N. Y., December 14, 1797, and is a son of Joseph Miller. He came to Ohio in 1814 and in the spring of 1815 came to his uncle, Samuel Colver's, in this township. In the fall of the same year, his mother, Ruth Colver, with her children, Samuel and Charity, came to Ohio and made a permanent settlement here. Mr. Miller continued living in the township until 1865, during that time partaking of the official honors of the township, and serving the people as a Trustee and Justice of the Peace. He was also a Colonel of militia in the old days of State militia. He was married in 1821 to Zelinda, daughter of Eliphas Burnham, and after marriage settled in Survey No. 9,020, where he lived several years and then located on land now owned by James Fullington, in Survey No. 4,946; here he lived until 1849, when he settled where J. B. Miller now lives, and remained until 1860; in 1865, he went to Missouri, but returned in 1869 and has since lived here. He had seven children, viz.: Harriet, Eliphas (deceased), Zelinda, James, Lydia A., Rebecca and Harrison. Mrs. Miller died September 1, 1877; she was born in Windham County, Conn. Mr. Miller is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Universalist Church. Though over fourscore years of age, he retains all his mental faculties, is well preserved in body and bids fair to live many years. His mother was married the second time to Henry Smith, by whom she had two children—Charity and Samuel. Mr. Miller's grandson, John B. Miller, the subject of this additional notice, was born in Madison County in 1850, and is a son of James C. Miller, Jr., a native of this county, now living in Champaign County. He was reared in Madison County, and at the age of ten years settled where he now lives, and owns 153 acres of land in three counties. He was married to Mary E., daughter of George Hopkins, an old settler, by whom he has had four children, viz.: Lewis B., Nettie M., Harrison and Pearl.

GEORGE MITCHELL, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, is a son of Moses Mitchell and Jane Taylor, his wife. Moses Mitchell was a son of David Mitchell, who came from Kentucky to Ohio, and in 1800 settled in Darby Township, where he bought 300 acres of land, on which he made a permanent home, afterward making additions to his original tract. Moses Mitchell was fifteen years old when the family came to this county. He married Jane Taylor, a daughter of a pioneer, and resided in Darby Township until his death. He was successful in his farming operations and succeeded in accumulating considerable property. He served for a time in the war of 1812 as a substitute for his brother. He was a great hunter, and very successful in his dealings with the Indians, having a decided tact in that direction. His milling was done at Chillicothe, to which place he drove with an ox team. He had five children, viz.: Martha (deceased), Moses (deceased), Daniel, David and George, the survivors living in this county. Mrs. Mitchell died in 1823, and Mr. Mitchell married Jemima Cartwright, by whom he had seven children, viz.: Melissa, Betsey, Abraham (deceased), Aaron (deceased), Amanda (deceased), Margaret A. (deceased) and Elijah, the three survivors residing in this county. George enlisted in 1864 as a private in Company B, Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged July 3, 1865; Elijah was a member of a three months regiment of National Guards. The father died in 1861 or 1862, at an advanced age. He was a moral, upright man, of excellent habits. Our subject was born in 1823, and has been a life resident of this county. He was married in 1846 to Ann Gamble, of Union County, by whom he has four children—William, Sarah J., Samantha and Nathan. The parents are exemplary Christian people and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. A. MOORE, miller, Milford Center, was born in Nodaway County, Mo., in 1847, and is a son of William and Mary Moore, natives of Ohio, who removed to Missouri at an early day. The former was a millwright by trade and erected the first mill in the above county, which was burned down by the Indians after its completion. Mr. Moore becoming discouraged, started for Iowa, but while still in Missouri was overtaken by a prairie fire, in which his wife was consumed. This was in 1850. The county seat of Nodaway County, Marysville, was named after Mrs. Moore, whose given name was Mary. Mr. Moore died at Cannelton, on the Ohio River, in 1851, while en route for home. He had seven children, five of whom returned to Belmont County, Ohio. Our subject remained in Belmont County until fourteen years of age, when he entered a printing office at Coshocton, Ohio, and remained one year. In 1862, when but fifteen years of age, he enlisted in the Twelfth Ohio Independent Battery, in which he served three years, seeing and participating in a number of the hard-fought battles of the war. He was dicharged March 1, 1865. After his return home he attended school one term in Columbiana County, Ohio, after which he clerked in a drug store one year. He then served a regular term of apprenticeship to the blacksmith trade, and after carrying on a shop for three years sold out, and in 1871 began working at milling, a trade he had partly acquired before entering the army. He was married in 1869, to Etta, daughter of S. D. Elliot, his partner in the mill at Milford Center, and by her he has one son, Orrie. Mr. Moore is a member of Darby Lodge, No. 636, I. O. O. F., and was a charter member of the Encampment at Marysville.

MRS. EUNICE B. MOORE, retired, Milford Center. Is the wife of William B. Moore and the daughter of Elijah Witter. She was born in Madison County, Ohio, in 1835. Her first marriage was celebrated with George Harris, of Franklin County, Ohio, in 1854, by whom she had three children, viz.: Amy C., wife of Eli Gabriel, Amanda S., and an infant deceased. Mr. Harris died in Madison County, Ohio, in 1865. Her present husband is a native of New Jersey, to whom she was married in 1866. The entire family are members of the Baptist Church and exemplary Christian people.

ANTHONY MORAN, farmer and manufacturer of drain tile, P. O. Milford Center, was born in this county July 7, 1829, and is a son of Edward and Eliza (Locke) Moran, the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of Connecticut. At the age of twenty years, the former came to this country and settled in this township at a very early day, making it his permanent home. He had five children—Mary, Anthony, John, James and Jane—our subject being the only survivor. Mr. Moran died August 10, 1837, and his wife in 1848. She was a daughter of Jonathan Locke, an old settler, who died in July, 1832. Our subject remained in the township, where he was raised until 1855, when he went to Illinois, but in 1858 he returned to this county. In 1851, he married Imogene, daughter of A. Woodworth, an old settler, and by her had nine children, viz.: Allen, John, Ella, Charley, Etta, deceased, Asa, deceased, Mary, deceased, Lulu, and an infant, deceased. Mr. Moran has been Assessor of the township three years. He is a member of Mechanicsburg Lodge, No. 113, F. & A. M. Thirteen years ago he began the manufacture of drain tile, within sight of his present kiln, and has since manufactured annually large quantities of all sizes and of superior quality. His machinery is all propelled by horse-power.

RAY G. MORSE, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Rhode Island November 16, 1808, and is a son of Joseph and Renna (Greene) Morse. He (Joseph) was born in Vermont and his wife in Rhode Island. In 1818, they with their family of nine children and Lydia Morse, the mother of Joseph, came to this county. The children who accompanied their parents were named as follows: Renna, Aseneth, Joseph, Ray G., Alfred, Permilla, William, Isaac and one whose name is unknown. Archibald, Caleb and Betsey remained in Rhode Island and afterward came to this county. The journey to their Ohio home occupied forty-nine days. Mr. Morse bought a farm of 100 acres in Madison County, Ohio, which he lost, because of a defective title. He then located in Milford Center, where he followed smithing, carpentering and plow-making; and when able he bought land where George Hawley now lives, where he died. He was a member of the Christian Church and a highly respected citizen. For two years after coming to Ohio, our subject worked in a cotten factory, where he learned to spin. At the age of sixteen, he began the smith's trade, at which he worked five years for board and clothes. He began life with a capital of 75 cents and a suit of clothes worth about $3. He rented a set of tools and began work in Milford Center and prospered. Selling his property in the above-named place for $900, he bought 117 acres of land where he now lives in 1839, for which he paid $5 per acre. Soon after, he bought sixty-three acres at $7.12½ per acre, another tract of 100 acres at $10 per acre, and still another 100 acres at $35 per acre. At the present time he owns 640 acres of land, 160 of which are in Illinois. In 1829, he was married to Sarah Parthemore, by whom he has had six children, viz.: William, John, Clariet, Ray G., Jr., Joseph and George N., deceased. Joseph served three months in the late war with Capt. Robb. John and Ray G., Jr., served in defense of Cincinnati with the "Squirrel Hunter Brigade."

JOHN G. NICOL, farmer, P. O. Marysville, a native of Germany, was born January 31, 1827. He is a son of George and Hattie Nicol, who emigrated to the United States in 1834, and settled near Columbus, Ohio, whence they removed to Darby Township, Union County, where they both died, the former in 1860, and the latter in 1875. They were members of the Lutheran Church and highly esteemed citizens. Our subject was reared on his father's farm and received his training in the common schools. March 23, 1854, he was married to Miss Ann M. Weidman, a daughter of Lewis and Catherine Weidman, and a native of Germany. She was born December 4, 1834. Of nine children by this union seven are living, viz.: Anna C., wife of George Trapp; Margaret A., Lizzie, Mary A., Katie, Lillie and Charlie C. John L., an estimable young man, died May 15, 1881, aged twenty years, and Willie died October 6, 1837, aged two years. Mr. Nicol has always pursued the avocation of farming, and with success. He owns a good farm of 127 acres, well improved, and adorned with a substantial brick residence erected in 1878, at a cost of $2,000. Mr. Nicol and family are associated as members of the Lutheran Church. He is a worthy and highly respected citizen.

MATTHEW PATCH, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Jerome Township, this county, in 1847, and is a son of Herman Patch, an old settler living in the above township. Our subject was reared to farm pursuits, and had only the advantages of a common education. On October 21, 1866, he was married to Mary C. Linnville, by whom he has had two children, viz.: J. N. and N. B. He remained in his native township till September, 1879, when he located where he now lives, owning sixty and one-half acres of well-improved land.

F. S. PEARL, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Connecticut July 28, 1817, and is a son of Philip Pearl, a native of the same State, and a son of Philip Pearl, Sr., who likewise was a native of Connecticut. In 1838, our subject came to Ohio and settled in Champaign County, where he bought land. In 1840, he was married to Mary Biggs. In 1873, he located where he now resides, and where he owns 240 acres of well-improved land. He has been Trustee of his township, and was elected Justice of the Peace but refused to qualify. To Mr. and Mrs. Pearl has been born one child, viz.: Hannah. Mr. Pearl is a liberal minded gentleman, and always takes great interest in public improvements.

WILLIAM C. PIPER, deceased, was born in Pennsylvania, and was a son of —— Piper, who died when on his way to Ohio. He (William C.) was but a boy at the time, and so had a full experience in the early history of the country. He was married in 1835 to Miss H. F., the daughter of Richard and Margaret (Robinson) Gabriel, and afterward settled where his family now reside. He held the office of Trustee for twenty-five years, was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a consistent Christian gentleman. He was the father of six children, viz.: Leonidas, Isabelle, William L., Rose A., Maggie and Eli G. Leonidas and William were members of the Fortieth Ohio Regiment. The latter served three years and returned to his home uninjured. The former was a member of the regimental band, and was discharged on account of sickness. Mr. Piper died May 2, 1876, at the age of sixty-eight years. Mrs. Piper was born in this township October 13, 1811, and has lived in the township all her life.

DR. G. W. PLIMELL, Irwin, was born in Madison County, Ohio, in 1839, and is a son of John and Winnie Plimell, natives of Virginia, who located in the above county in 1818. The Doctor's early life was passed upon the farm. In September, 1861, he volunteered in Company A, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and participated in a number of the hard-fought battles of the war, and was severely wounded at Lookout Mountain November 24, 1863. He was honorably discharged, a non-commissioned Sergeant, in October, 1864. In 1865, he began the study of medicine under his brother, Dr. J. T. Plimell, who was his preceptor for some time. In 1876, he entered the E. M. Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1877, and soon after located in Irwin, where he has built up a good practice. The Doctor is a member of the Ancient Order of Masons, holding membership in the Mechanicsburg Lodge. In 1867, he was married to Miss L. E. Lee, of Madison County, Ohio, by whom he has had two children, viz.: Clara G. and an infant, unnamed, deceased.

WILLIAM PORTER, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Erie County, Penn., in January, 1803, and is a son of John and Elizabeth Porter, natives of Pennsylvania, where the latter died. John Porter came to Ohio in 1817, and settled on Darby Creek, in this township. Six children came to Ohio with him, viz.: John, Jesse, Robert, Mary, Elizabeth and William, all of whom married and reared families, except Robert, and of them William alone survives. Mr. Porter had preceded his family to this county and married Susannah Piper, a widow lady, by whom he had four children—Maria, Lucinda J., Nancy and Minerva; Lucinda (Hopkins) being the only survivor. By his third wife, Hannah Dodds, he had two children—Susan, who lives in Keokuk County, Iowa, and Martha, deceased. Mr. Porter was only moderately successful in life; he was an Associate Judge of the county, appointed by the Legislature, and was serving as such at the time of his death. He was an ex-soldier of the war of 1812, a strong anti-slavery man, and a zealous member of the United Presbyterian Church, in which he was a Deacon. He died in 1838 at the age of sixty-two years, universally loved and respected by all who knew him. Our subject was nearly fifteen years of age when his father came to Ohio. They made the whole journey in a wagon, and were three weeks on the road. In 1822, our subject cut down the first trees for the first court house in Union County. In 1827, he purchased land where he now lives, and in the year following built a cabin, which is still standing. In December, 1828, he moved onto his purchase, cleared the land and improved the place, and has since remained there in general prosperity. From 1853 to 1856, he served as a Commissioner and as Trustee of this township. He is the oldest member living in this county of the Presbyterian Church, to which he has belonged fifty-seven years, and he has been a Deacon and Elder of the church here for thirty years. He takes an active interest in religious affairs, and has always contributed liberally of his means to the church. He was married January 20, 1825, to Hannah Snodgrass, by whom he had seven children, viz.: William L., Harvey W. and Salina E., living, and Sabia J., George C., Alvin and Elizabeth, deceased. Alvin enlisted in 1864 in Company F, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was sent to his command *via* Cairo to Tennessee, above Pittsburg Landing. He was in the battle of Atlanta, after which, his health failing, he was put on light duty for awhile, then sent to Chattanooga Hospital, and after being transferred several times was honorably discharged May 24, 1865. Returning home with his health completely broken down, he lingered four years and then died, while in Columbus as roadmaster. Mrs. Porter died October 3, 1876, aged eighty years one month and six days. She was a daughter of Robert and Jane Snodgrass, who came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1800, with four children—Jane, James, Hannah and William. He soon afterward purchased land and became a permanent settler of the county, where he died in 1835 in his seventy-eighth year; his wife died in 1833, aged seventy-two. Four children, Robert, Samuel, George and Thomas, were born to them after their settlement in this county. George alone survives, and resides in Marysville.

F. G. REYNOLDS, cashier Branch Bank, Milford Center, was born in Milford Center in 1846, and is a son of E. L. Reynolds, an old settler, whose biography appears in this work. The boyhood of our subject was passed in his native village, where his rudimentary education was obtained. He also attended school at Marysville, and at the Bryant & Stratton Commercial College of Indianapolis. After completing his education he went to Pittsburgh, where he found employment in keeping the books of a large establishment for about ten years. He then returned to Milford Center, where he has since been actively engaged in business. In February, 1881, he was appointed cashier of the Branch Bank. He was married, January 17, 1877, to Miss Mac, the daughter of Hiram Stokes, of this county, by whom he has had one child—Edna.

WILLIAM RICHTER, grocer, Milford Center, was born in Germany, June 2, 1828, where his early life was passed, and where he spent three years learning his trade, which he followed five years before his emigration. In 1852, he came to America, landing in New York on the 5th of July, and coming immediately to Cincinnati, where he worked at his trade three years. He afterward spent one year in Kentucky, one year in Cleveland, and two years in Greencastle, Indiana. He was married in Indianapolis, in 1858, to Elizabeth Weigand, and returned to Greencastle. He then carried on a bakery at Circleville, Ohio, eighteen months, at Chillicothe six months, and worked at his trade in Columbus five weeks. In 1861, he came to Marysville, and after laboring eighteen months, carried on a bakery and grocery twelve years with success. He afterward spent one year in Urbana and two years in Columbus, coming to Milford Center June 14, 1877, where he has since carried on a bakery, grocery and boarding-house. In 1873, he engaged in brewing at Marysville, but was not successful, losing in the enterprise $14,000. He has had nine children, eight living, viz.: John, Lizzie, Maggie, Frank, Caroline, Lillie, Theresa and Frederick. Theresa, the fourth child was accidentally shot in Urbana, and died at the age of seven years.

W. M. SNODGRASS, merchant and Postmaster, Milford Center, was born in this township in the year 1843, and is a son of Robert and Nellie (Robinson) Snodgrass, pioneers in this county. The early life of our subject was passed in Milford Center, and in the school of the place he obtained a practical education. Upon attaining his majority, he engaged in the mercantile business, and has been entirely successful. Mr. Snodgrass is a quiet gentleman, with no taste for notoriety or public prominence, much preferring to look after his own business interests to the thankless task of assisting in public affairs. He is a Free and Accepted Mason, belonging to Palestine Lodge, No. 158. In 1878, he was married to Miss Mary, the accomplished daughter of D. L. Joseph, who has borne him one child, viz., Pearl. Mr. Snodgrass carries a general and well assorted stock of merchandise, consisting of everything usually found in a first-class retail house. He was appointed Postmaster in 1878.

HIRAM STOKES, retired, Milford Center, was born in this township in 1813, and is a son of John and Rhoda (Carey) Stokes; the former was born near Winchester, Va., and about the year 1804 came to this township, in which he purchased 110 acres of land. He married the daughter of Calvin Carey, a native of New Jersey, who settled here in 1802. John Stokes lived on the land he bought till his death, which occurred in 1817. Part of the business done by the first court ever held in Union County was to make Mrs. Stokes guardian of her own children. Mr. Stokes was one of the first Justices of the Peace. Four children were born to them, of whom two are living, viz.: Hiram, and Maria Woods, *nee* Stokes. John and Hoopey are deceased. Mrs. Stokes died in 1863, aged seventy-four years. The early life of our subject was passed on a farm, and after attaining his majority he began to deal in stock, and drove large herds to the Eastern markets, and extended his trade West to the prairies of Illinois. He has been engaged in the mercantile business at Milford Center, and was once burned out. On December 10, 1842, he was married to Clara, the daughter of Amasa Chapman, of New Hampshire, who settled here in 1832. Five children have been born to them, four of whom are living, viz.: Mary, John C., Clara and Bertha; John, the eldest, being deceased. Mrs. Stokes died July 30, 1874. Mr. Stokes is a well-informed gentleman, and through life has borne the reputation of being a pushing, enterprising man, honorable and straightforward in every business transaction.

WILLIAM THOMPSON, deceased, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, in 1834, and was a son of Joseph and Eliza Thompson, natives of the above county. His early life was passed in his native county where his education was obtained in the common schools. He learned the trade of a tinner at Columbus, and in 1856 or 1857 came to Milford Center and engaged in the hardware business, which he followed until his decease, May 9, 1870. He was married in 1858 to Miss Mary J. Fuller, of this county, by whom he had one child—McDonald. He was a member of Marysville Lodge, F. & A. M., a successful man in business, and a highly esteemed citizen, whose death was deeply deplored by his friends and by the community at large.

J. G. TURNER, Justice of the Peace and harness-maker, Milford Center, was born in Marysville, Ohio, in 1838, and is a son of ex-Probate Judge James Turner, deceased, and Angella (Steere) Turner. The boyhood days of our subject were passed in his native village, and in its schools he received a practical education. At the age of eighteen years he began learning harness-making, and served a three years' apprenticeship. In April, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Thirteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Hawkins, afterward Colonel of the regiment. He enlisted in the three months' service, but at the expiration of the term he enlisted with the rest of his regiment for three years. He participated in the engagements at Carnifex Ferry, Pittsburg Landing, Resaca, Chickamauga, Stone River and New Hope Church, the latter being fought after his term expired, and was discharged as an Orderly Sergeant in 1864. After his return he took up his trade, working at it in this county, and four years at Carrollton, Ill., and in 1876 located at Milford Center. In 1877, he was elected Justice of the Peace and Mayor of the village, filling the latter office two years and the former almost constantly to the present. He was also elected Township Clerk in 1877, and has served consecutively ever since. He is a member of Darby Lodge, No. 636, I. O. O. F. He was married in 1878 to Miss Mollie L. Alexander, of Marysville, by whom he has had one child—Nancy Angella. He is a stanch Republican in politics.

WILLIAM R. WEBB, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Windham County, Conn., July 29, 1818, and is a son of James and Dolly (Ripley) Webb, natives of Connecticut, who settled in Champaign County, Ohio, in 1821, and in 1822 Mrs. Webb died. In 1826, our subject returned to his native State to obtain an education, and in 1835 returned to Ohio and settled in Clark County. In 1851, he settled in Allen Township, this county, and in 1872 came to his present place of residence. While living in Allen Township he held the office of Assessor eight years, Commissioner of the county six years, and Justice of the Peace three years, and in this township he has been Assessor one year. He owns 147 acres of excellent land. In 1841, he was married to Harriet M. Clark, by whom he has had seven children, five of whom are living, viz.: Dwight, Laura M., Helen A., Arthur R. and Harriet A. James E. (deceased), was a member of Company B, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, enlisted in 1863, and was killed at Harper's Ferry three weeks after leaving home, aged eighteen years.

WILLIAM WINGET, deceased, was born in Pennsylvania in 1797, and was a son of Stephen Winget, who settled in Madison County, Ohio, in 1802. Our subject was reared in Madison County, where he passed his early life. After his first marriage—to Tabitha Gill, an old settler

—he removed to Champaign County, where he lived for about ten years, and then bought land where his family now lives, which was then all in woods, and which he cleared up. He prospered in life, and at his death owned nearly 200 acres of land. One child by his first marriage died in childhood. His first wife, whom he married in 1820, was born in 1801, and died October 29, 1856. On July 9, 1857, he married Sarah J., daughter of James Reed, of whom mention is made in this work, and by her had three children—William, deceased July 1, 1861, aged nearly three years; Anna W. Baldwin *nee* Winget, and Phebe. He also adopted four children, viz.: Luther Winget, William Winget (deceased), Catherine and Elizabeth. Mr. Winget served as Trustee of his township, and as a member of the School Board. He was a man of a religious turn of mind and contributed freely to the church and ministry. He died April 5, 1874. Mrs. Winget was born in this township November 24, 1825. James Reed, her father, was born in Pennsylvania in 1794, and died January 29, 1870. He married Anna P. Robinson, of an old and much respected family of the county, who was born April 23, 1804, and died August 15, 1850. They had fourteen children, viz.: James R., Samuel L., John M., Sarah J., Elizabeth, Lucinda A., William M., Mary W., Malinda, Emiline, Cyrus, Euphemia, and two that died in infancy. Of these, eleven were raised, and six now reside in this county.

LUTHER WINGET, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Maryland in 1823, and is a son of William and Mary (Tumbleson) Winget, natives of the same State, who settled in Madison County, Ohio, in 1833. At an early age our subject went to live with William Winget, a relative and a resident of this township, with whom he remained until 1848, at which time he was married to Martha J., the daughter of Elisha Reynolds, after which he settled where he now resides, owning in the aggregate 700 acres of land. He has made life a great success, and is fully entitled to the confidence and respect reposed in him by the people. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and has always given liberally to the poor. William Valentine, an adopted son of Mr. Winget's, was born in Hardin County, Ohio, in 1842. On February 10, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and for meritorious services and bravery on the field of battle, he rapidly rose from the ranks. He became Second Lieutenant of Company E, June 1, 1863, and was severely wounded at Gettysburg, Penn., July 1, 1863; was promoted to First Lieutenant of Company I, December 20, 1863, and afterward promoted to the Captaincy of Company K. He was mortally wounded at Bentonville, N. C., and died in Fayetteville, N. C., March 27, 1865. His remains were interred in Kenton County, Ohio.

ELIJAH WITTER, Jr., farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Ontario County, N. Y., in 1807. His father, Elijah, was a son of Elijah, who was a son of Joseph Witter. Joseph was a son of Ebenezer, who was a son of Josiah, whose father, William Witter, came to America with his daughter and the widow and two children of his son William, who died on the passage over, in 1640, and settled at Lynn, Mass. He lived to a ripe age. At one time the Revs. Obediah Holmes, John Clark and Crandall met at his house to hold religious services, and on proceeding contrary to the Puritan doctrine they were arrested by the town constable. Crandall was fined 5 £, Clark 20 £, Holmes 30 £., the latter not being able to pay the fine, receiving thirty lashes. The family was numerous and largely scattered over the New England States, in which they made their homes for many years. The father of our subject settled in Ontario County, N. Y., where he died. His grandparents lived on the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania, and were driven from their homes three times by the Indians, and house burned, but escaped each time without injury. Our subject was reared in the wilds of his native county, and in 1829, when a single man, he came to this county, where in 1830, he married Amy Ann Ballou, a daughter of Martin and Betsey (Lyon) Ballou, who settled where Mr. Witter now resides, about 1820. After marriage, he located on land where the infirmary now stands, which he sold two years afterward and moved to Madison County, where he farmed eighteen years. He then returned to this county and settled on the place where he now resides. He came from his New York home, with a rifle in his hand and a pack on his back, walking from Cleveland; and now he owns 500 acres of land in this county, and 600 in Madison County, all made by his personal efforts. His wife inherited 187 acres of land. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, to which he has belonged since nineteen years of age. He has had ten children born to him, viz.: Lucy A., Elijah M., Betsey, Rev. Henry H., a Baptist minister, Dr. Alfred A., Albert B., Ezra E., William, deceased, aged three years, Marvin, deceased, aged seven years, and Maria, deceased, aged twenty-one years. One child resides in Jamestown, Ohio, one in Madison County, and the rest in Union County. Martin Ballou and wife came to Ohio in 1817, and settled in Columbus, where they remained three years. He was a native of Rhode Island, and she of Boston. In 1820, he settled where Mr. Witter now resides, clearing the land and residing on it through life. For sixteen years he was engaged in driving cattle over the mountains for the Eastern markets. He at one time owned about 1,000 acres of land. They had eight children, four of whom grew up, but only Mrs. Witter now survives. The others were Lucy, David, Henry, John, Alfred Horace, Clarissa. Mr. Ballou died in 1870, aged eighty-nine years; his wife in 1851, aged seventy-two.

A. A. WITTER, farmer and proprietor saw mill, P. O. Milford Centre, is a son of Elijah Witter, whose sketch appears elsewhere, and was born in Madison County in 1845.

His early life, after he was seven years of age, was spent in this township, where he attended the district schools, receiving the rudiments of an education that was completed at Nelson's Commercial College at Cincinnati. On August 9, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Thirty-second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and after a month's drill was sent to the front where he saw service until disabled in West Virginia, while assisting in building block-houses, after which he was honorably discharged. Returning home, he took a regular course of study in and graduated from the Cincinnati Eclectic School of Medicine and Surgery. He spent two years practicing his profession in East St. Louis, and one year in Southeast Missouri, after which he returned to Ohio and remained several years. He then went to Texas, and spent one year in Austin and two years in Rockdale, after which he was obliged to abandon the practice on account of his health, and has since been farming. In 1867, he married Almira J. Sanderson, of Illinois, by whom he has had three children—Elijah, Anna and May. He is a member of Milford Lodge, No. 686, I. O. O. F. He began operating a saw-mill in 1881, running it by steam.

ALBERT B. WITTER, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, is a son of Elijah Witter; was born in Madison County, Ohio, in 1840. He was married in 1867 to Susan, the daughter of Solomon Bland, by whom he has had four children, viz.: Effie M., Jesse V., Don D. and Lou. Mr. W. owns 140 acres of fine land, and has recently built one of the finest country residences in the township, at a cost of $4,000. Mrs. Witter is an acceptable member of the Baptist Church.

SAMUEL WOODS, deceased, was born on the place where his widow now lives, August 26, 1810, and was a son of Samuel and Margaret (Power) Woods, the former born in Westmoreland County, Penn., January 25, 1779, and the latter January 15, 1789. In 1807, they settled in this township. He was the first Presbyterian preacher in this township, and died in 1815 Five children were born to him, one living, viz., James F. The deceased were John P., Eliza Samuel and the late Judge William Woods. Samuel, Jr., was twice married, first to Lydia A. Hathaway, *nee* Burnham, November 2, 1848, who bore him two children, viz.: Leon and Clara A. Mrs. Woods died July 2, 1855. His second marriage was celebrated March 15, 1859, with Maria E. Stokes Mr. Woods was a successful farmer and a much respected citizen, and departed this life March 3, 1880. He owned nearly 300 acres of excellent land.

A. A. WOODWORTH, farmer, P. O. Irwin; was born in Connecticut September 9, 1804, and is a son of Jasper and Betsey (Reed) Woodworth, natives of New England, where he (Jasper) died in 1811. Mrs. Woodworth was again married to Erastus Burnham, and in 1817 they came to Ohio, and located on the line between Union and Champaign Counties, where they bought 200 acres of land. To Jasper Woodworth and wife were born three children, viz.: Charles, Sarah and A. A. By her second husband, she had four children, viz.: Mary, Tater R, and Olive, twins, and Philo. Mrs. Burnham died in 1856. Mr. B. died in 1826. Both belonged to the Christian Church. In 1832, our subject was married to Hilah, the daughter of Elijah Reynolds, after which he bought 200 acres of land, where he now resides, at $5 per acre; he now owns 500 acres of land. Sixteen children have been born to them, eleven of whom are living: Lucina A., deceased; Imogene, Orentha, Elisha R., deceased; Mary E., J. C., Sarah E., Hilah A., deceased; Asahel A., Lewis C., deceased; Fremont, William, Charles, Bennett, Alonzo and Reuben. J. C. was a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry; enlisted in 1862, and was discharged in 1865. Elijah and Mary (Witter) Reynolds, the parents of Mrs. Woodworth, settled in this township in 1815, on 700 acres of land he purchased. He was born in Maryland, and she in New York. He died in 1842; she in 1838. Nine children were born to them, viz: Sarah, deceased; Elizabeth, Mary, deceased; Immer, Ira, Delilah, Miles, deceased; Hilah and Lewis. By his second wife, Sophia Burnham, he had one child, viz.: Martha J. He (Mr. Reynolds) was a soldier in the war of 1812.

CHAPTER III.

DARBY TOWNSHIP.

Darby Township was formed as a part of Franklin County May 10, 1803, at a meeting of the Associate Judges of that county, held at Franklinton. The boundaries as originally established were as follows: "Beginning on the west bank of the Scioto River, one mile in a direct line above the mouth of Roaring Run; from thence on a direct line to the junction of Treacle's Creek with Darby Creek, which is frequently called the Forks of Darby; thence south into the line between the counties of Ross and Franklin; thence west with said line until it intersects the county line of Greene; thence with the last-mentioned line north, and from the point of beginning up the Scioto to the northern boundary of Franklin County." The point of beginning was near what is now Dublin, Franklin County, and the stream then called Roaring Run is now Hayden's Run. Treacle's Creek enters Darby in what is now Union Township, Union County. The name of Darby Township was derived from the stream which courses through its territory as now defined. Darby is consequently the oldest township in what is now Union. It was one of the three townships which formed Union County the first year of its existence, and by the successive erection of new townships inroads were made upon its once expanded limits until reduced to its present size. After its organization as a part of Union County, in 1820, the first election was held October 10 of that year, for State and county officers. Frederick Sager, Samuel Robinson and James Boal were the Judges; Clark Provin and Aaron Fossey, Clerks. Forty-nine votes were cast. James Ewing received 47 for Sheriff; James Kennedy 42 for Coroner; Robert Nelson 44 for Commissioner; Ethan Brown 44 for Governor; Nicholas Hathaway 45 for Representative; Joseph Foos 40 for Senator, and Joseph Vance 31 for Congressman. Darby is the central one of the three southern townships of Union County. On the east is Jerome and a corner of Mill Creek, and on the west Union; Paris on the north; Madison County bounds it on the south. Its outlines, which are made to conform to survey lines, are very irregular. The surface may be described as slightly undulating. Big Darby Creek enters from the west and flows southeasterly, leaving the township near its southeast corner. Buck Run, a stream of some size, flows south along the northwestern line of the township till it reaches Big Darby. Robinson's Run is north of and nearly parallel with Big Darby. It enters that stream in Jerome Township. Little Darby Creek forms the boundary line for a short distance in the southwestern corner. The Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad crosses the township in a northwesterly and southeasterly course.

South of Big Darby, most of the land in this township is a part of what was known as Darby Plains. The plains extended far down into Madison County, and were so named from the scanty forest growths that were found here. Small patches of timber of various sizes, consisting principally of burr oak and young hickory, covered perhaps one-half the surface. Thickets of wild plum trees, which produced a luscious variety of fruit, were clustered in places, with hazel bushes, jack oak and various other species of undergrowth. The prairie or open land was believed by the early settlers to be worthless for agricultural purposes and was the last to be entered and occupied. It was also low and wet, and the malaria engendered caused it to be shunned. The soil, however, was black and rich. Corn and hay were the only crops raised until thorough systematic drainage was introduced. Since then wheat has been produced in goodly quantities. This land was valued at from 50 cents to $2 an acre, while wild land north of the creek commanded $3. It was thought by the first settlers that this land could be used by them for pasture for a life time, as they supposed farmers must shun it as they had heretofore done. It now comprises the best land in the township. The northern part of the township was densely wooded with sugar, white ash, elm, walnut, white oak, hickory, and a profuse growth of underbrush, iron and dog wood, sassafras, hazel, etc. The soil here is a limestone clay. The surface is usually level, but slightly broken along the streams.

INDIANS.

At the time the earliest settlers took possession of their farms in this region, Indians were numerous. They lived farther north and only descended to Big Darby to engage in hunting and fishing. They encamped here and

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often remained for several months at a time. The site of North Liberty was one of their favorite tenting grounds. When the war of 1812 opened, apprehensions of trouble with these Indians were entertained, but they remained friendly and no hostilities or difficulties arose to mar their peaceful relations. Some of the rougher class of settlers were on intimate terms with the Indians and would go to their camps and join in the convivial feasts that were held there. The children of the earliest pioneer were for a time in mortal dread of them, and it required a long time before they could become accustomed to their presence.

James Robinson had one of the earliest orchards in the vicinity, and after the trees approached the age of bearing, he was greatly annoyed by the birds that had a strong liking for his choice fruit and manifested the design of indulging their appetite before it was ripe enough to pluck. Some Indian lads, belonging to several families encamped near by, were very expert in shooting birds with their small bows and arrows, and Mr. Robinson agreed with them, by mean of signs, that for each bird they would shoot in the orchard he would give an apple. It happened that the following day was Sunday, and as Mr. Robinson, who was a devout and God-fearing Presbyterian, was engaged in the usual morning prayers, the Indian lads rushed in with a bird they had killed. The conscientious pioneer could not tolerate the idea of profaning the Sabbath by this unhallowed sport and by shaking his head and gestiluating, intimated to them that they must not engage in it that day. They departed highly incensed, thinking he had withdrawn from his agreement, and after the old folks had gone to church that day the Indian youths amused themselves by pointing their weapons at the children left at home, who fled to the house for protection and remained within with bolted doors till their parents' return.

When the troubles of 1812 had commenced, it was several times rumored that the Indians had taken up arms and were preparing to make a raid upon the settlement. Many families, panic-stricken, deserted their homes and fled farther south. At one time, a party of the settlers, including Moses Mitchell, then a lad of sixteen years, fearlessly marched to the Indian villages far to the north to ascertain if they had concluded to put on the war paint and make the rumored attack. They found the Indians sitting in council, but with no hostile intent. The band of whites remained with them all night, then returned to their friends and quieted their fears. Game of various kinds abounded in the forests for many years after the work of clearing and tilling farms began. A favorite mode of hunting deer was the following: In the low country along Big Darby, mosquitoes were as great a pest to beast as to man, and in warm weather, to escape them, the deer descended into the water after nightfall, and remained there for hours at a time with only the nose above the water. The hunter approached in a canoe, a torch or candle fastened to his hat and by bark so placed as to light up the surrounding gloom but conceal himself and his canoe from sight. He thus approached within a few feet of the deer, dazed by the light, and easily killed it.

EARLY SETTLERS.

From its somewhat diversified topography, the settlements of the township may be divided into certain tolerably well-defined limits and periods. The earliest pioneers here, as elsewhere in other parts of this and surrounding counties, were chiefly immigrants from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. They settled in the valley of Big Darby, as this was deemed the most valuable land. These settlements began in 1798, and continued till about 1812. The plains to the south, extending far into Madison, were peopled chiefly by New Englanders, most of whom hailed from Vermont. They began to arrive about

1810, and the following decade was the strongest period of their emigration. The rolling land in the northern portion of the township was occupied very largely by a class of squatters and hunters who depended chiefly upon the gun for support. The land here was not very productive, and land purchasers were not strongly attracted to it. Shortly before 1840, a German element gained a foothold, and by successive arrivals almost the entire northern portion of the township is now owned and occupied by citizens of this nationality.

The first settlement in Darby Township was of brief duration. It was made by James and Joshua Ewing in 1798, on the site of the village of North Liberty, which had been recently laid out in the southeastern part of the township. Joshua Ewing purchased a lot and built a cabin, and it is probable that James, his brother, lived here with him for a short time. As no effort was made by the proprietor of the village, Lucas Sullivant, to improve the town, the Ewings soon abandoned their home here and settled in Jerome Township.

The next settlement in Darby, after the transient stay of the Ewings, was made by the Mitchells in 1799. This little colony consisted of an aged farmer, Samuel Mitchell, his wife, Margaret, four children—two sons and two daughters—and their families. A third daughter came also, but died unmarried. The four younger families were those of Samuel Mitchell, Jr., who, however, came several years later than the others. David Mitchell, Samuel McCullough and Samuel Kirkpatrick. They purchased the Lucas Sullivant survey, of 1,000 acres, No. 2,879, north of and bordering on Big Darby, in the western part of the township Mr. McCullough occupied the northwestern part of the survey, now the farm of Lewis Strange; Samuel Kirkpatrick owned and lived on the adjacent tract on the southeast, now the property of Sextus Kendall and J. S. Kliber; Samuel Mitchell, Jr., possessed the next farm, recently owned by Rebecca McDowell and Philip Rausch; David Mitchell's place was still southeast of this, and has for many years been the homestead of John C. Mitchell. Samuel Mitchell was too far advanced in life, when he came, to engage very actively in labor. He built and occupied a little cabin, located between the farms of his two sons, where he lived until the decease of his wife. He then made his home for the remainder of his life with the Kirkpatricks. These pioneers all came from Pennsylvania. They had first determined on settling in Kentucky, and the young men made a trip to that territory to make a suitable location. They were dissatisfied with the land there and happily fell in with Lucas Sullivant, who gave them a glowing description of Central Ohio, and offered them a choice of location on Darby Creek or the Scioto. They visited this region in the summer of 1799, selected Survey 2,879, made a little clearing and planted corn. They then returned home, and in the fall of the same year brought their families by a long and tedious journey to their new home. Their worldly effects were placed in three large wagons, and from Deer to Darby Creek they were obliged to cut a roadway through the thick, tangled forest.

David Mitchell was not only one of the first but one of the most prominent citizens of Darby during its formative period. He was a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church, served his township for many years as Justice of the Peace, and under the old State Constitution was one of the Associate Judges of Union County. He was intelligent and well educated, and was universally known as Judge Mitchell. He was thrice married. His first partner was Martha Black, and by this marriage he had ten children, who, in the order of their ages, were, Moses, Samuel, George, David, Margaret, Martha, Jesse, Elizabeth, Dixon and Aaron. Martha became the wife of Robert Nelson; Margaret of James Boal; and Elizabeth married John Robinson. The seventh child, Jesse, was the first white child born in what is now Union

County. The date of his birth was November 4, 1790. A brief sketch of him may be found in the history of Jerome Township, where he settled upon attaining maturity. The second wife of Judge Mitchell was Rebecca Nelson, who died soon after her marriage. By the third marriage, to Hannah Caldwell, there were two children—John C., now residing on the home place, and Alexander R., who died in California. Samuel Mitchell, Jr., had married Elizabeth Robinson in York County, Penn., and removed to Darby with his family a few years after his relatives settled here. After his emigration, he continued his residence upon the place until his death, which occurred about 1820. He built the first wool carding machine within the bounds of Union County, and operated it in connection with farming. He was an earnest Covenanter in his religious belief. His children were Sarah, who married Robert Maze; Margaret, who was the wife of John Crawford; Samuel, who removed to Iowa; James, an old bachelor, and David, both of Washington, Iowa; Jane, Betsy and Eleanor, married and residing in Iowa.

Samuel Kirkpatrick was a stanch Presbyterian and an active, industrious farmer; he remained on his farm in Darby until his death, which occurred about 1824. His wife, Jane Mitchell, survived him several years. They had two daughters, Peggy and Betsy. The latter married John S. Irwin.

Samuel McCullough did not long survive his settlement in this new and wild country. He died in the spring of the year 1800, and his was the first death of a white person in the territory now comprising Union County. Scarcely more than a half-dozen families then lived here. Mr. McCullough was, at the time of his decease, a young man, who had been married only two or three years. His two children were Alexander, who died recently in Paulding County, and Samuel, a posthumous child, who died a wealthy and respected citizen of Jerome Township. Mrs. Elizabeth (Mitchell) McCullough, the widow of Samuel McCullough, Sr., afterward married John Taylor, one of the earliest settlers of Madison County.

The Robinson family, now widely connected in Darby and other townships, was one of the earliest to acquire and possess a heritage in this new, rich land. A temporary settlement was effected in the year 1800, though it was five years later before the Robinsons became permanently identified with this locality. Samuel and James Robinson, the sons of James Robinson, were born and raised on their father's farm of several hundred acres, in York County, Penn., a few miles distant from the Susquehanna. James had acquired the cooper trade, and Samuel was equally proficient as a carpenter. They possessed the pioneer element strongly, in their natures, and when young men came West to seek their fortunes. They reached Tennessee, and there met Lucas Sullivant, a surveyor, who wished them to join his surveying party. With a view to selecting a good location for their future homes, they entered his employ—James as a chain carrier and Samuel as marker—and came to Ohio. The party consisted of five men, the sole business of one of them being to provide the company with game. For six weeks they were busily at work, and during the time they saw no white men. The Robinson boys selected the Samuel Robinson survey of 600 acres, No. 2,977, located in the southeastern part of Darby, and early in the spring of 1800, cleared a small piece of land and planted it in corn. During their stay, they boarded with Joshua Ewing. They remained until fall, then returned to their home in York County, Penn. Both were unmarried, but James was betrothed to Jane Morrison, the daughter of a York County farmer, and soon after his return married her.

In the spring of 1805, James and his family, Samuel and another brother, Thomas, again bade adieu to Pennsylvania and started on their pioneer journey to Darby Township. Samuel and James had divided between them the survey they had purchased, James taking the northwestern half. He sold this to two brothers, Thomas and John, and purchased from Lucas Sullivant 330 acres adjoining it on the northwest, the fractions of Surveys 3,482, 3,682 and 3,881. Upon his arrival, James built a cabin on this new land, where the residence of William H. Wolford now is, and lived here till his death in September, 1823, at the age of forty-nine years. He had been a man of unusual activity and energy, and was an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church. A family of eight children survived him. They were Anna, the wife of James Reed; Sarah, wife of Stephenson Curry; William M., of Marysville; Eleanor, wife of Robert Snodgrass; James, of Jerome Township; Jane, wife of Thomas Reed; Samuel, residence on the homestead; and Nancy, wife of Perry Buck.

Samuel Robinson, in 1805, did not conclude the journey with his brothers, James and Thomas, the entire distance to their property. When they reached Franklinton, Franklin County, Ohio, this little village was growing vigorously, and the demand for carpenters induced him to remain and work at his trade. He purchased a lot and built for himself a large frame house, which he valued at $1,000. Columbus, however, just across the Scioto River, was soon after laid out and began to grow with such rapidity that property in Franklinton depreciated greatly in value. Mr. Robinson disposed of his property finally for a three-year-old colt and cow, their value being about $60. While here, he married Martha Hunter, the daughter of Joseph Hunter, who then lived on the site of North Columbus. About 1809, he removed his family to his forest farm in Darby, and until his death, in 1849, at the age of seventy-seven years, was one of the foremost men of the township. He was for many years Justice of the Peace. He was a member of the Seceder or United Presbyterian Church, and in politics was in earlier life a Whig, but afterward an Abolitionist. His farm of 300 acres of excellent land, favorably located on the north bank of Big Darby, is still held in the Robinson name. His children are as follows: Margaret, wife of Samuel McCullough; Sarah, wife of William Snodgrass; Joseph H., of Hardin County; James, deceased; Samuel D. and William H., of Darby; Martha, wife of William Beard; John, and Alexander, deceased.

Thomas Robinson was born in 1776. His farm consisted of the southwest part of the upper half of Survey 2,977, now owned by John Funk. He dwelt in the old cabin on the place, which was erected in 1800 by James and Samuel, until he could build a large, hewed-log house. He came unmarried, but soon after returned to Pennsylvania and married Sarah Modderwell, who lived in Lancaster County, across the Susquehanna from his old home. He at once brought his young wife to his own home, and remained a resident of Darby Township until his decease, aged about seventy-seven years. He had always been a farmer by occupation. In politics, he was at first a Whig, then an Abolitionist, and his religious preferences made him a member of the United Presbyterian Church. His children were Sarah J., wife of George Pollock; James D., of Jerome Township; Thomas, of Columbus; John M., of Jerome; Alexander, deceased. (Patt [illegible])

John Robinson, the brother of the preceding, took possession of his land in Survey 2,977, in 1810. He had received a collegiate education at Cannonsburg, Penn., with the intention of entering the ministry of the United Presbyterian Church, but for some reason he abandoned this calling and adopted farming as his life pursuit. His first wife, Elizabeth Fink, died a few years after his emigration to Darby, and he re-united in marriage with Jane Mitchell. Their children were Charles M., of Marysville; Eliza J., of Marysville, widow of William Taylor; Sarah Jane, of Marysville, wife of James Woodburn; and John, of Darby Township. Like his brothers, Mr. Robinson was an ardent Whig and Abolitionist. He attained the age of about seventy-eight years.

Another brother, Alexander Robinson, removed to Darby Township in 1818. He, too, had received a liberal education. His farm of 100 acres was in survey 3,687, now owned by G. Hegenderfer and P. S. Blummenschein. Besides attending to agricultural duties, Alexander devoted considerable time to surveying and school teaching. He was the first Treasurer of Union County. His wife was Nancy Caldwell. Mr. Robinson died childless, several years ago at the age of ninety-two years.

Still another brother, George Robinson, came in 1852, too late to be ranked among the pioneers.

The exact date of the settlement of the Sagers is not known. It was about 1805. This family was not only one of the earliest, but probably the largest in the vicinity. It consisted of George Sager, Sr., and his children—George, Christian, Frederick, Jacob, Henry, Samuel, Abraham and Barbara. The children were grown, and some of the sons were married when they came. Within a few years after they arrived, the cabins of the various members of the Sager family dotted the valley of Big Darby from Union to Jerome Township. They were Germans and emigrated from Loudoun County, Va. The farm upon which they first settled was in Survey 3,272, on the south bank of Darby, about a half mile below Unionville, where Michael Sager now resides. Until they had erected their cabin, the family took up their abode in the cabin of James Robinson, across the creek. In early days, they were all Jackson Democrats. Few members of this once extensive family now remain in Union County. Michael, the son of Samuel, now occupies the old homestead, and J. F. Sager, of Marysville, the County Surveyor, is the grandson of Christian Sager.

George Sager, Jr., settled in the western part of the township on the farm now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Reed. He had four children and died upon this farm, where he had engaged in farming and gunsmithing.

Christian settled on the site of Unionville. He had married Elizabeth Shover, raised a large family of children and died a farmer of Darby Township, in January, 1866, aged ninety-six and one-half years. He had been a church member for sixty-eight years. Most of his children removed West, and his descendants are now widely scattered. He possessed a strong constitution and temperate habits, and by industry and close economy accumulated considerable property.

Samuel Sager settled on the farm now owned by Michael, his son east of Unionville, and died here after a long and faithful career as a farmer. He was honest and possessed good judgment, and though he had enjoyed few educational advantages, he was careful that his children received as thorough education as the times afforded. He had married Elizabeth Sanbower, and his six children were Susanna, who died young; Joseph, who died in Darby; Ann, wife of James M. Andrews, of this township; Michael; Sarah, who married Gregory Hawley, of Paris Township; and Lydia, who died young.

Jacob settled in the southeast corner of the township, where he farmed and operated a still house. Later in life, he removed with his large family to Carroll County, Ind.

Abraham, Frederick and Henry settled in Jerome Township. Barbara, their only sister, was several times married.

The "Post road" crosses the township, east and west, near its southern line. This road was so called from the fact that over it were transported the military stores to Ft. Defiance on the Maumee from Franklinton, which was then a small military post. The plains on either side of this road were occupied mainly by Yankees.

Dudley Bridges, from Vermont, came about 1815, and occupied for a few years the land George Stevens now owns. He did not acquire the title to it, and about 1830 he removed with his family to Illinois.

Elihu Knapp was one of the first settlers on the plains. He came from Vermont and purchased a farm in Survey 10,793, about a mile south of Unionville, some time prior to 1810. He was a shoe-maker and followed that occupation besides farming. Afterward he removed to Madison County.

Ahira Petty, probably in 1814, emigrated from Vermont and settled on the farm in the southern part of Darby which is now occupied by G. W. Stevens. He subsequently moved West, and when last heard of was living in Indiana.

Clark Provin was a Yankee who was very migratory and often changed his place of abode. He lived for a time on the farm now owned by George Stevens; was once elected Justice of the Peace in Jerome Township, and at Plain City was an inn keeper for many years. He taught school a considerable portion of his time, and had a sufficient knowledge of law, it is said, to get people into trouble without being able to extricate them. He ultimately removed to Illinois.

In Survey 1,716, near the southwest corner of the township, where John W. Smith now resides, Charles McCloud, a Yankee, settled in 1814. He was born in New Hampshire September 2, 1769, married Sallie Taylor, of Massachusetts in 1797, and in 1810 emigrated with his family from Montpelier, Vt., to Franklin County, Ohio, four years later coming to Darby. His children by his first wife were Betsy, Curtis, Harriet (Newton), Miriam (Bigelow), Sally (Mason), Charles, Lucy, Polly and Thankful (Converse). The last was born in Darby in the fall of 1814. Mrs. McCloud died in 1817, and Charles united in marriage with Anna Benjamin, by whom he had two children—Rodney and Anna (Marine). His second wife also preceded him to the grave, and Mr. McCloud selected as his third companion in matrimony Polly Andrews. Of their two children, Almira died young; Rosella married Mr. Chapin. Mr. McCloud was an untiring farmer. He possessed strong religious convictions, and was an exhorter in the Methodist Church during his stay in Darby. In 1831, he removed to Michigan, but returned to Madison County, Ohio, in 1843, and died the following spring.

Samuel Tyler, a Pennsylvanian of German descent, purchased the small survey of fifty-five acres, No. 12,075, about a mile southwest from Unionville, and settled there at an early day. He afterward removed to Pike Township, Madison County, where he died at a good old age.

Orson Smith, from Vermont, owned and occupied in early times the large farm in the southwestern part of the township, where his son, John W., now lives. Mr. Smith still survives at this writing, and resides in Union Township.

Benjamin Tinkham was born in Connecticut June 23, 1795, and came to Ohio about 1817, stopping for a time in Franklin County. A year or two later, he removed to this county, and he and his brother Noah took the contract for making the brick and building for Samuel Robinson the first brick house in Union County. While thus engaged, Benjamin became acquainted with and courted Jane Slone, a girl who had come from York County, Penn., with the Robinsons. He married her February 19, 1820, and immediately thereafter he purchased a little place of about fifty acres in Survey 6,602, on the plains; removed to it and remained there till his death, March 29, 1880, aged nearly eighty-five years. His wife died about 1876, having borne him two sons and two daughters. After her death, he resided at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James McCloud. He was a man of more than ordinary enterprise, and his mind ran largely to the invention of machinery, perpetual motion, etc. He wrote his own funeral sermon, which was read at his funeral.

Judah Dodge, Sr., in 1812, journeyed from Vermont, his native State, to the E. C. Smith place on the post road, and there engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a Justice of the Peace, and afterward removed to Jerome Township, where he died in May, 1856.

Judah Dodge, his son, was born in 1796, and in 1816 married Elizabeth Kilgore. In 1867, he removed from Darby to Marysville, where he died April 23, 1870. Hiram Dodge, another son, died, a farmer, in Jerome Township.

James Russel, from Loudoun County, Va., was a comparatively early settler on the J. S. Smith place near the southern line of the township. He continued his residence here to the time of his death. Amasa Payne owned and occupied the E. D. Smith place in the southeastern part of the township.

Josiah Harrington, a Vermonter, about 1814, came to the land now owned by David Holycross, on the post road, and farmed it to the day of his death.

James Snodgrass, about 1815, came with his family from York County, Penn., and settled on Robinson Run in the lower part of Survey 3,687. His wife was Agnes Morrison; their children were William, James, Jane Ann, Nancy, Hannah, Samuel and Polly. Mr. Snodgrass was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a good-natured, upright farmer. He died about 1825; his wife survived him a few years.

James Marquis settled about 1812 on the farm now owned by Caleb Converse, located just south of Unionville. He had married Barbara Sager, and their children were Elizabeth (Smith), Nancy (Cutler), Martha (Ford), James B., George G. and Harvey. He was a farmer and a Methodist; in after life he removed to Illinois. None of his posterity now reside in this vicinity.

James Boles, as early as 1810 or 1812, purchased and settled on the farm just north of Big Darby, in Survey 2,671, now owned by John Knock. He came from Greene County and married Margaret, the daughter of Judge David Mitchell. He followed farming and reared a large family of children. His religion was the faith of the Seceders. In 1828 or 1830, he removed with family to Indiana, where he died.

Lucas Low occupied for a few years in early times, the place now owned by James Martin, just south of the Darby. His two brothers, John and Clark, and his father, who was a native of Germany, came with him. Lucas removed to near Newton, and died there about 1825.

John Jolly was a North Carolinian. His family was of the Quaker persuasion, and he, imbued with the principles of that sect, left his native State from an abhorrence of the institution of slavery and sought a home in Ohio. In 1818, with his wife, Hannah (Cook), and three children, he settled upon a tract of wild land he had purchased in the southern part of Survey 7,218, now the home of Charles Nicol. Here he cleared the land and tilled the soil, engaging also, to some extent, in shoe-making. He was an earnest supporter of the Methodist Church. His children by his first marriage were Elias, who removed to Kansas; Michel, who married Frederick Sager; Rachel; Joel; Mary, who married Adam Brown; John; Jeremiah, of Kansas; and Lewis, of Iowa. His second wife was Margaret Croy, who still lives with her daughter Eleanor, wife of A. J. Ferguson. By this marriage there were six children—Betsy, who married David and is now deceased; Eli, Eleanor, Margaret and two who died young. Mr. Jolly died July 31, 1860, at Unionville, aged seventy-eight years.

John W. Robinson was one of the most prominent of the early settlers, though he was not among the earliest. He was born in Washington County, Penn., in February, 1803. In the fall of 1808, his father, Rev. James Robinson, of the Presbyterian Church, removed with his family to Pickaway County, and in 1821 to near Milford, to accept the pastorate of Lower and

Upper Liberty Churches. John W. pursued faming as his vocation, and in August, 1823, was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth daughter of Judge David Mitchell. The young couple at once settled on a small farm of fifty acres, part of the Mitchell farm, but in a short time Mr. Robinson purchased the farm south of the Darby, now occupied by David M. Robinson, and removed to it.

He resided upon this place, engaged extensively in stock-raising and farming until his death, which occurred about 1853, from typhoid fever. His wife survived him many years. Their family consisted of ten children—David M., residing on the home farm; James M., of Marysville; Henry M., who died young; John, of Paris Township; Aaron B. and Robert N., of Marysville; Joseph S., who died in youth; Martha, wife of William H. Robinson, of Marysville; Mary, who died in childhood; and Emma J., wife of Hon. Beriah Wilkins, of Uhrichsville, Ohio. Mr. Robinson had been an Elder in the Presbyterian Church for many years, a Justice of the Peace and County Commissioner. He was mild but firm in address, upright in character, unswerving in his adherence to principles of truth and justice, and was universally esteemed and respected by the large acquaintanceship which his public life gave him.

Among other settlers who arrived prior to 1830, some of them many years before that date, may be mentioned Gideon B. Cutler, Garret Harris, Thomas Parr, William Orr, Thomas Andrew, Thomas Ally, John Bartholomew, William Cooperider, John W. Goldberry, John S. Irwin, Stephen Johnston, John and Jacob King, William Leeper, Robert Maze and Samuel Patch.

Gideon B. Cutler owned fifty acres in Survey 8,167. He resided for awhile on the site of Unionville, and later removed to Illinois. Garret Harris owned seventy acres in Survey 5,008, northern part of township, came prior to 1825 and died in the township. Thomas Parr removed to Jackson Township. Thomas Andrew was a Pennsylvanian; lived for a time in Survey 3,482, then removed to Indiana. Thomas Ally was a blacksmith, owned ninety-nine acres in Survey 3,687, and removed to Chicago. John Bartholomew was a cooper from Jefferson County; he married Rosanna, daughter of Christian Sager, occupied the now Thomas West farm in Survey 5,005, for a time, then emigrated to the West. James Cooperider and William Orr were from Licking County; both lived in the northern part of the township. John S. Irwin lived on the western part on the J. S. Kliber farm; he was from Pennsylvania. Stephen Johnston was from Madison County. John King occupied Survey 4,982, in the western part of the township, with his father, Bolser King, who entered the survey. Samuel, John and William Leeper were early settlers from Pennsylvania. Robert Maze lived with George Sager until his marriage, when he settled on Mill Creek. Samuel Patch was a Yankee, and as early as 1816 or 1818, settled on a large farm just south of Unionville, now owned by Adam Brown and others. He had six children—Samuel, Stephen, Harmon, Caroline, Charity and one whose name is forgotten.

THE SICKLY SEASONS.

During the years 1822–23, a terrible epidemic visited Darby plains and scarcely a family escaped its ravages. As the greater portion of the plains lie in Madison County, the loss there was greater, but Union County suffered its full share in proportion to its area of prairie land. To Dr. Jeremiah Converse, of Madison County, is due the following account of the dread disease: "There was scarcely a family but what had its sick or dying. The few, who were not prostrated with the disease were soon down with constant watching, yet these messengers of mercy visited each day all the sick that were assigned to their division. No tongue can describe nor pen portray the scenes of suffering,

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witnessed and experienced by these early settlers. All business transactions ceased, gloom brooded over the minds of the people and many a stout heart was made to tremble over the impending doom, which seemed to await him. Men and women who were not prostrated with disease, were busy night and day administering to the wants of the needy, mitigating the suffering of the sick and consoling the bereaved. There were a few instances where the father was compelled to construct the rude coffin, dig the grave and deposit beneath the clods of the valley the loved form of his child. The territory invaded by this epidemic extended from a short distance east of Big Darby to perhaps the same distance west of Little Darby." The cause of the disease was supposed to arise from the decomposition of vegetable matter and the malaria, which would ensue. The tall, luxurious growth of grass on the prairie lands was at first burned every autumn, but after the settlers began to occupy this land this habit was abandoned through fear of setting fire to the grain and buildings of the pioneer. During the few years that then elapsed before the land was mostly occupied and cultivated, this rank, native growth of grasses became a wet, thick mass of decay and breeded the germs of disease. The symptoms of the disease were various. Usually a general lassitude, nausea and thirst would continue several days, when the disease would be announced by a severe rigor or chill. The skin would become livid and purple; the pulse quick and feeble; the respiration accelerated. Subsequently severe heat would ensue, the pulse becoming full and frequent, accompanied by thirst, severe headache, nausea and vomiting, and sometimes delirium. In children, there were convulsions generally. The patient would sink into an inflammatory type of fever, which ran its course in from seven to fifteen days; most frequently death occurred about the eighth or ninth day of the inflammatory stage.

FIRST SCHOOLS.

John Robinson was one of the earliest school teachers in the Mitchell settlement. When he first came to the township he lived for a short time on Mr. Mitchell's farm, and while there held one term of school for the benefit of the few children in that vicinity. The house occupied for this purpose stood near the graveyard. The schoolhouse was afterward built near by, where Alexander Robinson taught. The first schoolhouse erected in the Robinson neighborhood stood within thirty rods of James Robinson's cabin. It was built by the Robinsons and the Sagers. Miss Henrietta Millington was the first teacher here, about 1820. Her successors were Misses Narcissa and Helen Topping, daughters of Dr. Topping, of Jerome Township, Jeptha Peasley, a Yankee pedagogue, Alexander Robinson and Charles McCloud.

CEMETERIES.

On the north side of Big Darby, on the Mitchell farm, is an extensive burying ground which has been used for this sacred purpose for eighty-three years—even longer, for previous to the settlement of white men it had been a burial place for the dusky Indians who frequented the hunting grounds on Big Darby. It is a sandy knoll, rising above the surrounding land, and located near the stream. It is the oldest cemetery in the county. Samuel McCullough, who died in the spring of 1800, was buried here. Undertaking establishments were not then within access, and nowhere near the settlement was there even a foot of lumber with which to fashion a rude coffin. A walnut tree was felled, and from its trunk rough slabs were split, and with this material a coffin was made. In it the mortal remains of Mr. McCullough were encased and consigned to their resting place. In Mitchell's cemetery most of the early settlers of Darby Township lie buried. It is still used as a cemetery.

The cemetery at Unionville, formerly Sager's graveyard, is now under the care of the township authorities, and is used more extensively than any other in the township. In the northeastern part, at one time the Brown graveyard was the only burying place for the settlers in that region. It is now a neglected spot.

The Lutherans have two large cemeteries in the northern part of the township.

NORTH LIBERTY.

The first town platted in the territory now comprised within Union County, and one of the first in the State, was located in the southeastern part of Darby Township, on the southern bank of the stream. It was laid out by Lucas Sullivant in 1797, and called North Liberty. Sullivant was a young Kentuckian surveyor, who was engaged in surveying lands and locating warrants in the Virginia Military District, and while thus engaged he traveled over much of Southwestern Ohio. Deeming this location in Darby Township a favorable location for a future city, he made and recorded in Ross County the plat of an extensive town, with several hundred lots and spacious streets. Big Darby he pronounced navigable as far as his village, North Liberty. The town came to naught, however, for Mr. Sullivant seems to have abandoned it soon after he gave it an existence on paper. He laid out Franklinton, opposite Columbus, the same year, and apparently gave his energies to the development of that town. Different citizens differ as to size that North Liberty attained, but the highest estimates place the number of cabins it contained at the modest number of three. The Ewings are the only settlers who are now known to have occupied the site of this ephemeral village.

UNIONVILLE.

Unionville, a village of 200 people, is located in the southcentral part of Darby Township, on the south bank of Big Darby. It was laid out February 8, 1847, by William B. Irwin, County Surveyor, for John, Frederick and David Sager. The original plat contained only fifteen lots and two streets—Main and Cross. The public square, twelve poles and twelve feet square, was situated in the northeast corner of the plat. An addition was made to the village February 10, 1852, by Christian, Frederick, John and David Sager. It consisted of thirty-three lots, 16 to 48 inclusive, lying mostly south of the original plat. First, Second, Third and Railroad streets were the new thoroughfares established by this addition. Another addition of sixteen lots was subsequently made which does not appear to be on record.

A petition was filed with the County Commissioners March 3, 1879, praying for the organization of a village of the territory, comprising the village of Unionville and certain contiguous territory, signed by M. P. Rice and forty other residents of the proposed village. The petition states the supposed number of inhabitants to be 229, prays that the name may be Unionville Center and name M. P. Rice and Joseph E. Fouke their representatives in the premises. The petition was granted and the village duly incorporated after the necessary preliminary steps were taken.

The first election for borough officers was held in October, 1879. It resulted as follows: Mayor, F. N. Mattoon; Councilmen, C. A. Ferguson, M. P. Rice, John Knock, A. J. Harper, S. W. Dunfee and N. P. Gilliland. Subsequent officers have been as follows:

1880—Mayor, W. J. Dunfee; Marshal, J. C. Larue; Clerk, J. A. Miller; Treasurer, J. P. Kritline; Councilmen, N. P. Gilliland, Philip Maddex, H. H. Marshall, S. W. Dunfee, A. M. Holycross and M. P. Rice.

1881—Councilmen, C. M. Knock, Edison Perry and L. A. Dockum, two years each, and Charles McCune one year; Clerk, C. A. Ferguson.

1882—Mayor, C. A. Ferguson; Clerk, M. P. Wetzel; Treasurer, J. P. Kritline; Councilmen, Philip Maddex, Charles McCune and S. M. Dockum; C. M. Knock, Marshal, by appointment.

The first house on the site of Unionville was built several years before the platting of the village by Benjamin Cutler. He was a shoe-maker and followed his trade here. He also kept a scanty stock of pioneer commodities, which he dispensed among his neighbors for cash, and hence might be regarded as the first merchant of the place, unless, perhaps, his stock in trade was too small to warrant this title. The extent of his wares may be inferred by the following: Just after he opened his store, a sturdy settler, who had attained to the dignity of a "biled shirt," wanted a little indigo and called for a small quantity. Mr. Cutler desired him to curtail his order one-half, and on inquiring it was learned that he had just enough to fill the order and did not wish to be without the article in the store.

John Sager was the principal proprietor of the village. He built a two-story frame building, the first erected after the village was laid out, and kept a store here for several years. He was the first Postmaster. A tannery was started at Unionville and operated successfully for many years by John and Jeremiah Jolly, its builders, and afterward by James Walker and Alexander Snodgrass. John and Frederick Sager built a saw mill on Big Darby about 1835, and a few years later added a corn cracker. Both mills have been maintained most of the time since. Michael Sager was the next owner. He operated the mills four or five years, when David Holycross became the owner. William B. Dunfee afterward purchased them, and while in his possession they were partially destroyed by fire, but he at once repaired them. The Wetzel brothers now operate them. In 1881, they erected a steam flour mill, containing two run of buhrs and both steam and water power are now employed in operating them. Another saw mill and tile factory is owned by John Dunfee and John Brown.

Dr. John Beach was the first practicing physician, coming soon after the village was founded. He was fresh from medical school and remained only a few years. He is now practicing in Jefferson, Madison County. His brother, W. Morrow Beach, succeeded him at Unionville and practiced for a short time. He is now a prominent physician and politician at London, Ohio. Physicians have not remained long at Unionville in the past. Quite a number have opened offices here, but all of them took down their "shingles" and removed to other parts in a few years. Among the practitioners was Dr. I. N. Hamilton, now of Marysville. Dr. Charles McCune, the only physician now practicing in Unionville, located here in 1880.

The business houses consist of a dry goods store, owned by William B. Dunfee, and three groceries conducted by L. A. Dockum, Wetzel & Ferguson, and Joseph E. Fouke, respectively. The latter is the present Postmaster. There is also here an extensive wagon and carriage manufactory, which was started many years ago by Jackson Harper, and is now operated by Harper & Son and two blacksmith shops. The schoolhouse is a two story frame, in which there are two departments. It is believed that a new building will be erected in 1883.

The cemetery at Unionville comprises an acre in extent, and is what was formerly known as the Sager burying ground. It is under the supervision of the Township Trustees, who have recently built a substantial stone and brick vault.

Just north of the village, on the farm of Maria Robinson, is a magnetic spring. The water is said to possess strong, curative qualities, and is much used and highly prized by many residing in the vicinity. Its powers have been known for several years, but no attempt has been made to develop it until quite recently. George Wilcox has purchased four acres, including the spring site, and erected a large windmill pump at the spring. The village is now hoping for the erection of a large hotel, which it is believed will make the place a popular resort.

The only mill in the township, besides those already mentioned in Unionville, of which there is any knowledge, was a horse flouring mill operated in early times for a few years by a Mr. Hill. It was not a financial success, hence its permanent suspension.

The Methodist Church at Unionville was built, as nearly as has been ascertained, about 1856 or 1858. It is a frame building, about 30x40 in size, and cost about $600. The church was dedicated by Rev. Uriah Heath, Rev. Lloyd being pastor in charge at the time. The class that worships here was organized as early as 1820, at the house of Charles McCloud, in the southern part of the township. Rev. George Maley was an early minister. The McCloud family, the Finkhams, Amos McNier and wife, C. H. Converse and wife Lovisa, Betsy Cutler, Frederick Sager and wife Michel, John Jolly and wife Margaret, David Sager and wife Elizabeth, and others were early members. Services were afterward held at the cabin of James Marquis, just south of the site of Unionville, at Christian Sagers, and elsewhere. The frame schoolhouse which stood just east of the site of Unionville was next used as a place of worship, and after the village was started the services were conducted in the hall on the second floor of John Sager's building. This hall was occupied by the society until the church was built. Bishop S. M. Merrill was one of the pastors in charge when the meetings were held in the Sager room. Other early ministers were Revs. Sharp, James Finley and James Gilruth. This society is included in Milford Circuit, which occupies four charges—Unionville, Irvin's Station, Lewis Chapel and Milford. The present pastor is Rev. C. A. Naylor. The membership is about fifty. The Sunday school connected with this church dates its origin in the time when the services were held in the schoolhouse. Until within a few years the school was maintained only in summer, but now it is conducted during the entire year. Benjamin Robinson is the present Superintendent, and the attendance is excellent.

Darby Seceder Church, now the Unionville United Presbyterian, was organized as early as 1824. The earliest records not being within the county, it is impossible to fix the date with absolute certainty. At this time, the county was very sparsely settled, and the improvements very few. The original membership did not number more than twelve or fifteen. Among the earliest members were Robert Nelson, Samuel Robinson, Thomas Robinson, James Boles, John Porter and Samuel Mitchell, Jr. The earliest meetings were held during pleasant weather in the sugar grove on Judge Mitchell's farm, east of and near his cabin and close to the banks of Big Darby. It was here that the first communion service was held. Another early administration of the sacrament occurred in a large, new barn, belonging to Samuel Robinson. The congregation was organized by a minister of the Xenia Presbytery, and Rev. James Wallace became the first settled pastor. He was called in 1830 to take charge of three congregations, this one, one at Reynoldsburg, Franklin County, and one at Cherokee, Logan County. His salary from the three churches amounted to about $300. In 1839, or near that time, he was called to take charge of the Cherokee Church alone, and for three years Darby Church was supplied by Rev. Robert Forester, of Franklin County, and others. Rev. I. N. Lawhead then became pastor and continued in this relation twenty-two years, until 1864. He preached to Darby and New California Churches, and these two congregations have ever since been associated in one pastorate. Services are now held every Sunday at 3 o'clock P. M.; formerly each alternate Sunday. After a short vacancy, Rev. J. W. Taylor was installed pastor in the spring of 1865, and remained with the church three years. Until 1871, the church was variously supplied, when Rev. John Gilmore entered upon a ministry which continued three years. A vacancy of one year intervened before Rev. D. M. D. Gordon became the settled pastor. He was succeeded in 1878 by Rev. E. E. Cleland, now in charge. The first meeting house was a frame building, probably 30x40 feet in size, erected not later than 1835 on a lot, donated to the purpose, from the farm of Judge David Mitchell, northwest from Unionville. This church was used until the present frame edifice was built in Unionville in 1856–57. It cost about $1,400, is about 30x45 in size, and was dedicated in August, 1857, by Rev. Lawhead. In June, 1858, the general union of the Associate or Seceder, and the Associate Reform Churches took place, and the name United Presbyterian Church adopted, by which it has since been known. The membership of the New California congregation was drawn largely from this church, which in consequence is now much smaller than formerly. The membership is about thirty. A Sunday school was organized about 1840, and conducted regularly since during summers. The old Seceder Church was exceedingly strict in enforcing its closely drawn creed. As an illustration of this, the church records contain the proceedings of the trial of a member charged with singing a Methodist hymn. Another member was tried before the church authorities for kneeling in the meeting house of a sister society. It is not so, now, however. The spirit of liberality has pervaded this as well as all other religious denominations.

The first Elders were Robert Nelson and Samuel Robinson, the former holding the office until his death in 1848 or 1849; the latter until February, 1849. Subsequent Elders, with terms of service, have been Alexander Pollock, from 1830 to 1852; William McCampbell, from 1836 to 1839; James Martin from 1836 to 1859; Joseph H. Robinson from 1848 to 1867; George Pollock, from 1848 to 1854; Samuel McCullough, from 1859 to his death in 1870; S. D. Robinson and H. P. Woods are the present Elders. The former was elected in 1867, the latter in 1873.

St. Johns (German) Evangelical Lutheran Church, located in the northern part of Darby Township, on the Marysville pike, is the largest and handsomest religious edifice in the township and one of the best in the county. The congregation was organized soon after the German settlement began, near the line of Paris and Darby Townships. In 1843, an organization was effected and ministers from Delaware, Columbus and other points supplied the church until 1846, when Rev. Adam Ernst became the regular pastor. The first members were Jacob Vandereau, Blasins, Bentel, Barnhard Bischoff, George Boehm, John Bunsold, Michael Eirich, Adam Ell, Melchior Goess, Gunderman, George Hegendorfer, George Rausch, Philip Ruppreight, Gottlieb Ruppreight, George Stephen, Martin and Casper Scheiderer and George Zwerner. In 1846, a small log church was built about a mile northwest of the present church in and close to the southern line of Paris Township. Two years later, a division arose in the church and it separated into two district congregations, each of which retained the original name—St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. The question of dispute was whether or not a crucifix should be placed within the sanctuary. One faction retained possession of the old house; the other during the same year, built a small brick church one-half mile south in Darby Township, and occupied it until 1859, when the present brick building was erected. It was dedicated July 22, 1860, by Rev. Lindeman, of Cleveland. A service in English was delivered in the afternoon of the same day by Rev. P. Eirich, of Lithopolis. The building was pronounced at this time the finest and costliest in the county. A bell, weighing 609 pounds and costing $209 was hung upon it. Rev. Adam Ernst remained with this division of the church until 1850. He was succeeded by Rev Jacob Seidel, who remained until 1858. Rev. Frederick Metzel then assumed charge and was pastor until 1868. In that year, Rev. Louis Knief was called. He was succeeded in 1879 by the present pastor, Rev. Henry Werfelman.

The northern division were ministered to by Revs. John Bunderthal, George Krane, R. Herbst, William Lembke, and perhaps others. This congregation built a brick meeting house adjoining the site of the original church, and worshiped there until the two congregations united in 1878. The original cause of dissention had long before disappeared, but a general division in the German Lutheran Church had arisen, and to each of the divisions a branch of the St. John's Church had united. The southern, or Darby branch, belonged to the Missouri Synod; the northern, or Paris branch, to the Ohio Synod. These two synods had united shortly before the reconciliation, in St. John's Church, and it was through the intervention of the Presidents of the two synods, Prof. William Lehmann, of Columbus, and Rev. H. C. Schwan, of Cleveland, and of Rev. W. Stubnatzy, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., that St. John's Church became a unit. Since then the synods have again separated on the question of predestination, but the entire congregation now clings to the Missouri Synod. The membership is 120.

Two cemeteries are the property of this church. One is in Paris Township and one near the present church in Darby. None but members of the congregation are allowed to be buried here.

A congregational school has been maintained for twenty or more years. It is held about nine months a year, from March to November or December. It was customary for the early ministers to teach the youth of the church during the week, but as the congregation increased in number, teachers were employed for this purpose. Mr. Rolf was the first, Mr. Fechtman the second and Conrad Steege the third and present instructor. He has had charge of the schools for eleven years, and now has an assistant teacher. In 1880, a goodly sized two-story brick schoolhouse was built, adjoining the church. Formerly a small brick schoolhouse was used. About 110 pupils are now in attendance. The common branches are taught in English and the religion of the church in German.

Mt. Olive Church, of the Christian or "New Light" denomination, stands in the eastern part of the township on the Marysville and Plain City road, in Survey 5,139. The society that worships here was organized in the old Harris schoolhouse. According to arrangements made at a preliminary meeting two weeks previous, a meeting was held here December 11, 1869, and an organization effected. The congregation began its existence with a large membership, in which were included the names of J. Q. Adams, Warren Harris, Jacob Brown, Amos Brown, Isaiah Brown, Silas and Solomon Brown, Joel C. Conklin, George W. Debolt, Eli McNier, David Reece, their families and many young people. The meetings were held in the schoolhouse until the church building, a neat and commodious frame structure, costing $1,100, was erected. It was dedicated December 25, 1870, by Elder A. Hanger. The first officers elected were: Deacons, J. Q. Adams and Warren Harris; Charles H. Adams, Clerk; J. Q. Adams, Treasurer; Warren Harris, J. Q. Adams and Jacob Brown, 2d, Trustees. Rev. William Webb organized the church. He was pastor in charge for four years. His successors have been Elder William Fuller, two years; Elder Samuel Horn, two years; Elder C. L. Winget, fractions of two years; Elder B. H. Crisman, part of one year, and Elder William Fuller, again the present pastor. Intervals have occurred when the church was without a pastor. Within a year after the organization, the membership was seventy-five; it increased to more than one hundred, but owing to many removals from this vicinity and to deaths, it is now only about fifty. Formerly a flourishing Sunday school was in operation, but for a year or two there has been none.

Lewis Chapel is the title bestowed upon a Methodist Church located on Little Darby in the extreme southwestern corner of the township. It received its name in honor of Rev. F. F. Lewis, who organized the society, and by his own manual labor assisted in rearing this modest temple of worship. The building is a substantial frame, nicely furnished, and was erected soon after the class was organized, probably twenty-five years ago. The membership was quite small originally, including Elihu Bigelow and wife Miriam, and Mrs. Hiram Kent. James McCloud and Joel Fairbanks have been prominent members more recently. The society is still small numerically. It is connected with the Milford Circuit.

ELECTIONS.

The gubernatorial vote of Darby Township from the organization of Union County is as follows:

1820—Ethan Allen Brown, 44; Jeremiah Morrow, 5; total, 49.

1822—Jeremiah Morrow, 37; Allen Trimble, 4; total, 41.

1824—Jeremiah Morrow, 13; Allen Trimble, 21; total, 34.

1826—John Bigger, 13; Allen Trimble, 24; total, 37.

1828—John W. Campbell, 23; Allen Trimble, 21; total, 44.

1830—Duncan McArthur, 11; Robert Lucas, 33; total, 44.

1832—Darius Lyman, Whig, 22; Robert Lucas, Democrat, 38; total, 60.

1834—James Finley, Whig, 29; Robert Lucas, Democrat, 30; total, 59.

1836—Joseph Vance, Whig, 45; Eli Baldwin, Democrat, 44; total, 89.

1838—Joseph Vance, Whig, 57; Nelson Shannon, Democrat, 50; total, 107.

1840—Thomas Corwin, Whig, 81; Wilson Shannon, Democrat, 56; total, 137.

1842—Thomas Corwin, Whig, 50; Wilson Shannon, Democrat, 50; Leicester King, Abolitionist, 6; total, 106.

1844—Mordecai Bartley, Whig, 72; David Tod, Democrat, 68; Leicester King, Abolitionist, 8; total, 148.

1846—William Bebb, Whig, 60; David Tod, Democrat, 56; Samuel Lewis, Abolitionist, 12; total, 128

1848—Seabury Ford, Whig, 76; John B. Weller, Democrat, 79; total, 155.

1850—William Johnson, Whig, 86; Reuben Wood, Democrat, 69; Edward Smith, Abolitionist, 3; total, 158.

1851—Samuel F. Vinton, Whig, 79; Reuben Wood, Democrat, 74; Samuel Lewis, Abolitionist, 3; total, 156.

1853—Nelson Barrere, Whig, 63; William Medill, Democrat, 79; Samuel Lewis, Abolitionist, 21; total, 163.

1855—Salmon P. Chase, Fusionist, 51; William Medill, Democrat, 106; Allen Trimble, Know-Nothing, 18; total, 175.

1857—Salmon P. Chase, Republican, 93; H. P. Payne, Democrat, 109; P. Van Trump, Know-Nothing, 1; total, 203.

1859—William Dennison, Republican, 92; R. P. Ranney, Democrat, 106; total, 198.

1861—David Tod, Republican, 109; H. J. Jewitt, Democrat, 101; total, 210.

1863—John Brough, Republican, 141; C. L. Vallandigham, Democrat, 119; total, 260.

1865—J. D. Cox, Republican, 121; George W. Morgan, Democrat, 120; total, 241.

1867—R. B. Hayes, Republican, 127; A. G. Thurman, Democrat, 138; total, 265.

1869—R. B. Hayes, Republican, 113; G. H. Pendleton, Democrat, 143; total, 256.

1871—E. F. Noyes, Republican, 109; George W. McCook, Democrat, 118; total, 227.

1873—E. F. Noyes, Republican, 102; William Allen, Democrat, 112; Isaac Collins, Liberal Republican, 3; Gideon T. Stewart, Prohibition, 2; total, 219.

1875—R. B. Hayes, Republican, 117; William Allen, Democrat, 138; total, 255.

1877—William H. West, Republican, 120; R. M. Bishop, Democrat, 149; total, 269.

1879—Charles Foster, Republican, 142; Thomas Ewing, Democrat, 152; total, 294.

1881—Charles Foster, Republican, 125; J. W. Bookwalter, Democrat, 123; total, 248.

The Justices who have served in Darby Township, as shown by the county register of oaths administered, together with respective dates of their commissions, are as follows: Samuel Robinson, April, 1821; James Baol, April, 1821; Samuel Robinson, 1824; James Boal, 1824; Judah Dodge, 1827; Elihu Knapp, 1828; David Mitchell, 1827; David Mitchell, 1830; John S. Irwin, 1836; Amasa Chapman, 1836; William M. Robinson, 1837; John S. Irwin, 1839; David Chapman, 1839; John Jolly, 1839; John W. Robinson, 1841; Philip Snider, 1842; William Robinson, 1842; John W. Robinson, 1844; Garret Harris, 1845; Philip Snider, 1845; B. A. Fay, 1846; John W. Robinson, 1847; Garret Harris, 1848; William Tinkum, 1849, resigned 1850; John W. Robinson, 1850; E. D. Smith, 1850; Garret Harris, 1851; A. D. Doolittle, 1853; E. D. Smith, 1853; Garret Harris, 1854; A. D. Doolittle, 1856; E. D. Smith, 1856; Garret Harris, 1858; Adam Brown, 1859; resigned 1859; A. D. Doolittle, 1859; E. D. Smith, 1859, resigned 1860; Adam Brown, 1860, resigned 1861; Garret Harris, 1861; Jacob Wolford, 1862, resigned 1865; Garret Harris, 1864; A. D. Doolittle, 1864; E. D. Smith, 1865; Garret Harris, 1867; A. D. Doolittle, 1867; John F. Kilberry, 1868; H. J. King, 1869; Adam Brown, 1869, resigned 1869; William Harris, 1869; Garret Harris, 1870; O. P. Converse, 1872; E. D. Smith, 1872; Garret Harris, 1873, died February 16, 1875; George Harris, 1875; Joseph E. Foulk, 1875; E. D. Smith, 1875; George Harris, 1878; Joseph E. Foulk, 1878; E. D. Smith, 1878; George Harris, 1881; Joseph E. Foulk, 1881; E. D. Smith, 1881.

SURVEYS.

Darby Township contains a greater number of surveys than most townships in the county. Many of them are for small quantities of land. Only a few are for 1,000 acres or more, and a large proportion are for 100 acres or less. Those located north of Big Darby are generally larger and were mostly surveyed earlier than those south. Darby Plains, which included most of the township south of the creek, was not deemed desirable land and consequently not entered as long as better was still not located. The following is a list of the original proprietors of the surveys, their numbers, areas, surveyors and dates of survey:

Lucas Sullivant, No. 2,879, 1,000 acres, Lucas Sullivant, November 3, 1797.

James. T. Mahaffey

Samuel Robinson, No. 2,977, 600 acres, Lucas Sullivant, October 30, 1797.

Lucas Sullivant, No. 3,162, 640 acres, Lucas Sullivant, April 15, 1798.

Richard Stephenson, No. 2,671, 1,000 acres, Lucas Sullivant, April 4, 1798.

Lucas Sullivant, No. 2,675, 1,000 acres, Lucas Sullivant, October 26, 1797.

Lucas Sullivant, No. 3,272, 100 acres, James Galloway, April 14, 1801.

Lucas Sullivant, Nos. 3,311 and 3,312, 413 acres, Lucas Sullivant, June 7 and July 7, 1798.

Richard Stephenson, No. 3,482, 566⅔ acres, Lucas Sullivant, April 7, 1799.

Richard Stephenson, No. 3,483, 450 acres, Lucas Sullivant, April 7, 1799.

Lucas Sullivant, No. 3,484, 800 acres, mostly in Jerome Township.

Robert Power and Lucas Sullivant, No. 3,682, 310⅔ acres, Lucas Sullivant, September 18, 1799.

John Scott, No. 3,687, 548⅔ acres, Lucas Sullivant, September 17, 1799.

John Knight, No. 3,881, 344½ acres, James Galloway, December 8, 1820.

Elizabeth Rickman, No. 4,067, 1,120 acres, Joseph Kerr, October 24, 1801.

William Petty, No. 4,903, 100 acres, James Galloway, January 15, 1810.

Bolzer King, No. 4,982, 100 acres, James Galloway, January 22, 1807.

Peter Manifold, No. 4,998, 350 acres, Duncan McArthur, October 18, 1809.

Richard Smyth, No. 5,005, 200 acres, James Galloway, February 19, 1807.

Hugh Woodson, No. 5,008, 657 acres, James Galloway, August 15, 1806.

Hugh Woodson, No. 5,009, 265 acres, James Galloway, August 15, 1806.

Peter Manifold, No. 5,053, 42 acres, Duncan McArthur, October 18, 1809.

Lucas Sullivant, No. 5,111, 80 acres, Allen Latham, April 5, 1825.

Minor Smith, No. 5,122, 100 acres, James Galloway, January 23, 1807.

James Galloway, Jr., No. 5,124, 400 acres, James Galloway, January 21, 1807.

James Galloway, Jr., Nos. 5,137, 7,964 and 7,218, 654½ acres, James Galloway, November 7, 1833.

Richard C. Anderson, No. 5,139, 1,000 acres, James Galloway, February 18, 1807.

William Steel, No. 5,141, 100 acres, James Galloway, April 19, 1817.

John Arnold, No. 5,142, 200 acres, James Galloway, March 19, 1807.

Lucas Sullivant, No. 5,236, 100 acres, James Galloway, April 14, 1807.

James Galloway, Jr., No. 5,743, 200 acres, James Galloway, February 26, 1808.

Tuttle Hudson, No. 6,233, 100 acres, James Galloway, June 1, 1809.

James Galloway, Jr., No. 6,602, 683 acres, James Galloway, March 26, 1810.

James Galloway, Jr., No. 6,973, 100 acres, James Galloway, April 23, 1811; partly in Madison County.

James Galloway, Jr., No. 7,063, 60 acres, James Galloway, April 23, 1811; mostly in Madison County.

Benjamin W. Ladd, No. 7,218, 592½ acres, James Galloway, February 20, 1812.

James Johnston and John Graham, No. 7,245, 543 acres, Walter Dun, May 28, 1812.

John Graham, No. 7,388, 91 acres, Walter Dun, June 4, 1813.

John Graham, No. 7,393, 313 acres, Walter Dun, August 29, 1812.

James Johnston, No. 7,397, 100 acres, Walter Dun, August 29, 1812.

Joseph Chambers, No. 7,399, 86½ acres, Walter Dun, August 29, 1812.

Joseph Chambers, No. 7,400, 100 acres, Walter Dun, August 29, 1812.

Walter Dun, Nos. 7,751 and 7,754, 447 acres, Walter Dun, July 1, 1813, partly in Jerome Township and Madison County.

G. Scrugg, No. 7,759, 90 acres, Walter Dun, June 26, 1813, mostly in Madison County.

James Johnston and John Graham, No. 7,916, 800 acres, Walter Dun, April 29, 1815.

Walter Dun, No. 8,167, 100 acres, Walter Dun, August 28, 1815.

Walter Dun, No. 8,508, 80 acres, Walter Dun, August 28, 1815.

Walter Dun and John Graham, Nos. 8,536 and 8,698, 441 acres, Walter Dun, April 22, 1816.

Walter Dun, No. 8,783, 350 acres, Walter Dun, June 27, 1816.

Joseph and Benjamin W. Ladd and Thomas Norrell, No. 9,003, 80 acres, James Galloway, April 19, 1817.

Same proprietors, No. 9,005, 13 acres, James Galloway, May 3, 1817.

David Chapman, No. 10,793, 200 acres, Walter Dun, October 5, 1821.

Walter Dun, No. 10,810, 75 acres, Walter Dun, October 4, 1821.

David Chapman, Nos. 10,987 and 12,170, Walter Dun, January 9, 1823; partly in Madison County.

Walter Dun, No. 11,012, 120 acres, Walter Dun, May 31, 1822.

Hugh Woodson, No. 12,075, 55 acres, James Galloway, Jr., December 24, 1822.

Samuel Smith, No. 12,169, 200 acres, Walter Dun, January 9, 1823.

William Scooler and Walter Dun, Nos. 12,240 and 12,877, 258 acres, Cadwallader Wallace, July 21, 1829.

Thomas Lucas, No. 12,269, 130 acres, E. P. Kendrick, February 24, 1834.

Thomas Lucas, No. 12,269, 12 acres, E. P. Kendrick, February 9, 1834.

Thomas Lucas, No. 12,270, 250 acres, E. P. Kendrick, March 14, 1836.

Joseph Spencer, No. 12,927, 40 acres, James Galloway, Jr., July 10, 1830.

Michael Sager, No. 14,437, 40 acres, E. P. Kendrick, October 10, 1839.

J. Galloway, No. 15,310, 80 acres, James Galloway, Jr., August 3, 1847.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

JOHN W. ADAMS, deceased. Our subject, John W. Adams came of New England stock, but was born in Madison County, Ohio, where his father, Charles H., who was a native of Connecticut, settled when that county was a wilderness, and lived to the close of his life. John W. subsequently moved and settled on the farm now occupied by Warren Harris in Darby Township, Union County, where he resided until his death. His wife, Miss Etha Delp, to whom he was married in this county, was a native of Germany, and a daughter of George H. Delp. of a pioneer family of Union County. Of the six children born to this union, five are living as follows: Charles H., who married Mary Harris, of this county; Albert married Sarah J. Harris, of this county; David, Edward and William. The two latter at home, and David, at this time, July, 1882, is largely engaged in banking business at O'Neil City, Neb., where he has been associated the past two years. The present generation of the Adams family represent the descendants of one of the oldest and respected pioneer connections of Madison and Union Counties.

J. Q. ADAMS, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center. The Adams and Eastman families were of New England stock. Charles H. Adams and Maluthia, his wife, the grandparents, were among the first arrival of pioneers in Madison County, Ohio, where they both died. A. P. and Betty R. (Converse) Adams, the parents of our subject, were both born and reared on Darby Plains. They raised a family of six children, but two of whom survive, viz., J. Q. and the youngest sister, now the wife of S. McNeir, of Hardin County, Ohio. The subject of this sketch was born on the homestead in Madison County, in 1841. He was married in 1861 to Miss Mary Mc-

Neir, of this county. He served the three months' call for volunteers in Company K, Ohio National Guards, in 1864, and in 1866 settled upon his present estate, consisting of 123 acres. He is School Director at the present time, and a member of the Christian Church. His living children are Flora and Elizabeth U.

J. M. ANDREWS, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, was born in Montpelier. Vt., February 24, 1814, and is a son of Charles Andrews. He with his family settled in this county in 1814, purchasing at the time a large tract of land. He died in 1823, and she in either 1818 or 1819. Seven children were born to them, two daughters and five sons. He married for his second wife Elizabeth Hurlburt, by whom he had two children. Our subject learned the blacksmith trade when a young man, and when of age he had only $35 in money. In 1841, he bought 160 acres of land, to which he has since added by purchase, and owns at present 361 acres. January 21, 1841, he was married to Ann, daughter of Samuel Sager, who bore him twelve children, four of whom are living, viz., Elizabeth, Ira, Alvira and Sarah. A son, Anson P., enlisted, in 1861, in the Thirteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry; he died at Sutton, W. Va., September 13, 1861. Mr. A. has served as Township Trustee a number of terms, and is an exemplary member of the Methodist Church. May 9, 1871, his residence was burned to the ground, and the following year he erected a commodious house which for design and finish has few equals. He is also interested in fish culture and his fish pool is stocked with imported German carp.

RUFUS ANDREWS, farmer, P. O. Plain City, is the youngest son of Charles and Alvira (Hubbard) Andrews, of Connecticut, who settled in this county in 1814, purchasing at the time a large tract of land. Afterward he bought a tract of land in Franklin County, Ohio. He died in 1823, his wife died in 1819. Our subject was bound out at the age of fourteen years, and four years later went to Madison County, Ohio. May 27, 1840, he was married to Sophia C., daughter of C. Smith, by whom he had six children, one of whom is living, viz., Frank E. Our subject owns 100 acres of the homestead farm and in all he is the possessor of 275 acres of valuable land. His son, Charles C., enlisted in 1863, in the three months' service, and re-enlisted in the Eighteenth United States Regulars, for three years, but on account of sickness was discharged. After recovering he again enlisted in the Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served till the close of the war. Our subject married for his second wife Sarah N., daughter of H. Wheeler, who was born September 3, 1826. Mr. Andrews was born August 13, 1817.

ADDISON BIDWELL, farmer, P. O. Plain City, is a son of Elisha and Doratha (Willey) Bidwell, both natives of Vermont. The family moved to Madison County, Ohio, in 1812, and settled upon 160 acres of military land now embraced in the limits of Canaan Township. He subsequently located on the Little Darby in Pike Township, where he put up the first saw mill erected in this part of the country, which he operated for many years. While felling a tree from the forest to complete the erection of his log cabin in Canaan Township, his right arm was caught and terribly crushed, which left that member a cripple for life. There being no surgeons at that time, his arm was bandaged by the settlers, and all aid extended which willing hearts could bestow. He subsequently became one of the largest and most extensive stock-dealers of the times. He cut and sold timber that built many of the first houses of that county. The first cattle sale in Madison County was made by him. He was the father of seventeen children, fifteen of whom lived to be men and women. The subject of this sketch was born on the homestead in Madison County, Ohio, June 18, 1822. He was married in the same county September 14, 1843, to Miss Mary A., daughter of John Kennedy, a pioneer family of Madison, where she was born. Seven children born to this union are all living, viz.: Elizabeth, wife of S. Holycross, Jasper N., John Q., Alvina, wife of George Fenner, Rosena, wife of M. Guy, Howard, and William H., residing with his parents at home. Mr. Bidwell is connected with the Church Universal of Plain City, and is one of the oldest and respected pioneers of the county.

JOHN BLAND, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Rutledge County, Va., in 1825, and is a son of Samuel and Abigal (Pherris) Bland, of Virginia. They settled in this county in 1839, and he died in Milford Center in 1877. His estimable wife is yet living at the age of seventy-seven years. Twelve children were born to them, nine of whom are living. Our subject learned the cooper's trade, which he followed seven years. His present estate consists in 194 acres, on which he located in 1874. In 1848, he was married to Margaret, daughter of Edward Kennedy. Mrs. Bland died July 7, 1873. Thirteen children were born to them, six of whom are living, viz.: Robert, John L., Emma, John J., Maggie and Joah.

PETER BLUMENSHINE farmer, P. O. Marysville, is a son of Adam Blumenshine, a native of Germany, who, emigrating with his family to the United States, settled in this township, and was one of its early pioneers. He was the father of twelve children, six of whom survive. The subject of this sketch was born in Union County in 1836. He was married in 1857 to Miss Margaret Colabaken, a native of Germany, who died leaving two children. His present wife was Miss Barbara Klieber, was born in Union County, and is a daughter of John Klieber. This union has borne two children, both of whom are living. Mr. Blumenshine began the struggle of life with nothing but a strong arm, a willing heart, and the energies of his nature. By close application and perseverance he has accumulated a handsome property and home. He settled on his present estate in 1857, consisting of ninety-six acres, upon which is a commodious residence, and is rich and productive land. His living children are Annie, John, Effie E. and Louis G. The family are connected with the German Lutheran Church.

ADAM BROWN, deceased. This esteemed pioneer whose demise occurred after securing this sketch, was born in Fayette County, Penn., September 2, 1813; he was the eldest son of John and Martha (Clark) Brown, both of whom were natives of Fayette County, Penn.; they were among the pioneers to Darby Township in the spring of 1834, settling on the banks of the Big Darby; the homestead purchase covered 256 acres, but subsequent additions in Darby and York Townships, gave him upward of 700 acres, 600 of which were within the boundaries of Darby Township. John Brown was one of the active men of his time, and figured extensively in the various settlements of the county. He died at his home during the Presidential term of President Tyler. He raised a family of twelve children, two sons and three daughters of whom are living. The subject of this sketch was raised on the homestead farm, and on December 11, 1834, was married to Miss Mary, daughter of John Jolly, who died in July, 1860, leaving one son, Andrew, whose sketch appears in this work. He was again married in October, 1861, to Mrs. Mary A. Price, a widow of William Price, a native of Richland County Ohio, and a daughter of Samuel Berryhill, who was a Representative to the Legislature from that and surrounding counties, at the first session ever held at Columbus. He was among the early pioneers of the West, and a man of prominence and ability. Adam Brown occupied his cozy home at Unionville Center in 1867, where he resided until his death in the fall of 1882. He was a man of exemplary habits, refined character, and was widely known and highly esteemed throughout the county. For years he was connected with the Presbyterian Church at Milford Center, and in the distribution of his abundant means, he gave freely to benevolent purposes, assisting public enterprises and improvements; with his death passed away a worthy citizen, a good father and devoted husband.

ANDREW BROWN, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, was born on the old homestead near Unionville in 1841. He is the only living child of Adam Brown, 2d. His farm, which embraces the homestead, contains 115 acres. He was married in 1863 to Nancy Valentine, a native of Union County, and a daughter of James Valentine. Five children were born to them; of these four are living, viz.: Addie L., Fred F., Ruby W. and Laurena. Mattie is deceased. Mr. Brown filled the office of Assessor five years, and Land Appraiser one term—1880. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is identified with the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery of the Masonic order. Politically, he is Democratic.

H. A. CHAPMAN, farmer, P. O. Plain City, is a son of Abner and Relief (Baldwin) Chapman, natives of Vermont. He, with his youngest brother, David, came on foot to this State in 1810, and located in Franklin County, Ohio, and the following year removed to this county and engaged in teaching school near Plain City, having taught first at his own house, and was the first educator in this whole section of country; he taught off and on for twenty years. During the time he was thus engaged, he done surveying, the most of which was performed in Logan County, Ohio. He also served in the capacity of Justice of the Peace, and was Captain at one time of a company of Home Guards. Six of his children grew to manhood and womanhood, but the following only are living: Annis, Samuel D. and H. Amasa. He died in 1864, at the age of seventy-four years. She died in 1878. In early life, he kept a hotel and sold whisky, and, becoming imbued with the principles of temperance, he burst his barrels and let the vile stuff escape. The subject of this sketch was born in Jerome Township in 1825. In 1862, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served till the close of the war. In 1852, he was married to Elizabeth H., daughter of Charles H. Chapman, who bore him five children, two of whom are living, viz.: Darius A. and Fred F. Mrs. C. died in 18—. His second marriage was celebrated April 16, 1868, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Wesley Hicks, who bore him two children, one living, viz., Earnest. She died in February, 1882. She was a graduate of Oberlin College, and taught school twenty-six years, having begun when only sixteen years old. She was an active worker in the church, and during the late war she labored incessantly for the comfort and welfare of our soldiers. Mr. C. and his deceased wife belonged to the Presbyterian Church, to which he has been connected many years.

JASPER CONVERSE, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, is a grandson of Squire Converse, and a son of Edwin G. and Louisa (Ketch) Converse. His father was a native of Vermont, and came with his father to Ohio in an early day, settling in Madison County, where the Squire died. The subject of this sketch was born in Jerome Township, this county, in 1840; his parents died when he was eleven years of age, and he was put under the care of L. M. Fairbanks, by whom he was raised. When the call for troops was made in 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Eighteenth United States Infantry, regular service, in which he served until one month after the battle of Stone River. The regiment was then consolidated into battalions, and he was transferred to Company F, First Battalion, in which he served the balance of his three years' term of enlistment. He participated in the battles of Stone River, Perryville, siege of Corinth, Winchester, Tenn., Resaca, and. lastly, at Pumpkin Vine Creek, where he was taken sick and sent to the hospital, where he remained until the close of his term of service; he was discharged near Jonesboro, Ga. In 1864, he married Melissa, a daughter of Perry Douglas, and a native of Madison County. To this union five children have been born, four now living, viz.: Perry, C., Elta M. and Ada I. Mr. Converse settled on his present farm of eighty-one acres in 1865, and has since made it his home. He had two brothers in the war; Henry G. enlisted in the same company and regiment, and died at Louisville while in the service; Ammon P. enlisted in December, 1861, in the Forty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was in the battles at Shiloh and Vicksburg, and with Sherman in the march to the sea. He suffered from sickness, but remained with his command until the close of his term of service.

CALEB H. CONVERSE, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center. Rev. Jeremiah Converse, the grandparent of Caleb, was a native of New Hampshire. He joined the Colonial army when sixteen years of age, and was sent out with a company of scouts who were decoyed by the Indians, and but three of the command returned. He was wounded in the shoulder, but escaped, and soon after the close of the war in 1814 moved with his family and settled on Darby Plains, in Madison County, Ohio. He was a cripple for life from the wound, but lived to attain the advanced age of eighty-two years, dying in 1837. Parley Converse, father of Caleb, was the second son, born in Vermont. He was a minuteman drafted in the war of 1812, but did not serve. He was a mechanic, and held the office of Justice of the Peace many years. His wife, whose maiden name was Arpe Hemenway, was a native of Vermont, who bore him five children, all of whom lived to maturity. They occupied a pioneer home in Madison County, in 1819, when she died in 1823. His death occurred at the home of his son Caleb, in this county, and was in eighty-sixth year of his age. The subject of this sketch was born in Addison County, Vt., in 1810. He was married in 1830 to Miss Lovica L. Ketch, a native of Madison County, Ohio. After his removal to Union County, he settled in Champaign County, but returned in 1846 and occupied his present estate consisting of 227 acres, valued at $65 per acre. He was Justice of the Peace for a time, and served the county as Clerk and Treasurer in its primitive days. Seven children born to him, are all living, viz.: Nathan W., Obel B., Sarah, wife of G. D. Mitchell; Orson P. and John L., both served in the Union army during the rebellion; Bushrod W., and Orinda J., wife of Elon Smith. Family are connected with the M. E. Church of Unionville Center.

S. M. DOCKUM, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, is a grandson of James C. and Polly Dockum, natives of New Hampshire, from which point they entered Canada, and were residents of Dunham ten years. In 1813, they moved and settled on the Little Darby in this township; thence to Madison County, Ohio, where he founded a home on Barron Run and passed the remainder of life's journey, dying in the seventy-second year of his age. The subject of this sketch was born in Madison County, Ohio, August 7, 1840, and is the seventh son of James and Betsy (Clement) Dockum. His father was first married to Miss Phebe, daughter of Jacob Jones. April 15, 1819; she died July 29, 1822, aged twenty-two years. Three children, the fruits of this union, are all deceased. His second marriage was to Miss Betsy Clement, which occurred April 13, 1826; eight sons were born to this union, three of whom are living, viz.: Maskel, Marium and Lester. Mr. Dockum was reared on the homestead farm and has always followed that occupation. He served in the three months' call for volunteers in 1862, enlisting in Company E, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was married in 1865, to Miss Maggie, daughter of David Sager, and a native of Darby Township. Mr. Dockum is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a representative branch of one of the oldest and respected families. Minnie is their only living child.

LESTER A. DOCKUM, merchant, Unionville Center, is a grandson of James C. and Polly Dockum, natives of New Hampshire, from which point they entered Canada, where they resided until 1813, when they moved and occupied a pioneer home on the Little Darby in this township; subsequently he moved to Madison County, where he lived to the close of his life, aged seventy-two years. The subject of this sketch was born in Madison County, Ohio, in 1845, and is a son of James and Betsy (Clement) Dockum, natives of Vermont and New York respectively. Mr. Dockum was reared on the homestead. He served the three months' call for volunteers in the Union army, enlisting in Company K, One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in 1862, but the regiment did not go into active service until 1864. He was married in 1866 to Miss Hattie V., daughter of John Russell, and a native of this county. In 1879, Mr. Dockum succeeded Fouke & Co., in a general stock of goods at Unionville Center, where he has since been actively engaged, and is conducting a good trade. He carries a complete stock of goods, and is widely and favorably known. He is a member of the City Council, the Masonic fraternity, and politically is a thorough Republican. His living children are Ettie B. and Adelbert H.

JOHN DOUGLASS, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, is the youngest son of David, Jr., and Sarah (Mathews) Douglass, the former a native of Connecticut, and the latter of Kentucky, where they were married. He, David, Jr., was a soldier in the war of 1812, and his father, David, served in the Revolutionary war. Father and son were early settlers of Madison County, where they raised families and died. David, Jr., raised a family of twelve children, all but one of whom are living. The subject of this sketch was born in Madison County, Ohio, in April, 1830. He was raised on the homestead farm, and was married in his native county to Miss Anna Converse March 9, 1852. She was born in Madison County, Ohio, July 27, 1830. Her father, Charles Converse, was born January 22, 1794, and died in Madison County, Ohio, October 3, 1879. His wife, Phebe, (Norton) Converse, was born December 10, 1803, and died January 14, 1870. John and Anna Douglass had born to them four children, two of whom are living, viz.: Emma J., wife of L. H. Miller, and David M. Mr. Douglass settled on his present farm in 1858, at that time consisting of ninety-seven acres, covered with a dense wood. This land he has worked energetically in clearing, and now has a fine farm of 103 acres, valued at $65 per acre, the original purchase being $12½ per acre. Mr. Douglass enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio National Guards, three months' service, in 1864, and served the call. The Douglas family are noted for longevity and robust constitution. They are among the oldest pioneer families of the county, and are members of the Church Universal at Plain City.

JOHN M. EIRICH, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Darby Township, Union County, in 1837, and is the oldest son of his parents born in this county. His father's name was George, and his mother's maiden name was Barbara Rupprecht, and both were natives of Germany. He was born in Bavaria, where he was married, and with his wife and five children embarked to the United States in 1837, and made a temporary location in this township, where he resided through the winter, and in the spring of 1838 purchased the farm now occupied by his son, the subject of our sketch, then consisting of eighty acres. During the latter year he erected a log house, and occupied the premises in the spring of 1839. He resided upon the farm during his life, and raised on the homestead farm two children, our subject and a younger brother, Gottlieb, who resides in Van Wert County, Ohio His father died in 1847. He was a consistent church member all his life, and a worthy and esteemed citizen. The wife and widow who survives him is residing with her children in the eighty-sixth year of her age. Subsequent additions to the homestead farm has increased it 150 acres. The subject of this sketch was brought up on the homestead farm, and was married in 1866 to Miss Caroline Burger, a native of Marion County, Ohio. To this union three children have been born, all of whom are living, viz.: John V., Mary B. and Emanuel P. Mr. E. has filled the office of Assessor two years, and Township Trustee two years, and prior to his marriage engaged in teaching district school for four consecutive winters, from which time he has been an invalid, after a severe attack of typhus fever. This has prohibited him from labor, and confined him to his home. He has always been connected with the Lutheran Church, and an officer of the church here for some time.

L. M. FAIRBANKS, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, came to this State in 1837. He was born in Windsor County, Vt., in 1824, and is a son of Luther and Lucy (Lewis) Fairbanks, both natives of that State. They came to Ohio at the date above written, and settled on the Darby, in Union Township. Luther was a farmer, and worked at farming some years, after which he returned to Massachusetts and remained six or eight years, but subsequently returned to Ohio, and died at the residence of his son, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife preceded him to the grave. The subject of this sketch was raised on the homestead farm in Union Township, and afterward returned to the Eastern States and remained three or four years. He then settled on his present farm of 220 acres of valuable and productive land. He followed his trade of wagon-maker from 1844 to 1850, in Union Township. He is largely engaged in stock and grain dealing at the present time; has been Trustee of the township, and a member of the Agricultural Board eight years. He is one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the county, and in politics a Republican. In 1846, he married Miss Mary A. Smith, a native of New York State, a history of whose ancestry is hereto appended. This union was blest with ten children, of whom seven survive, viz.: Charles W., Luther M., William D., Newton H., Jennie, Nellie and Harry.

WILLIAM DE FOREST SMITH and family settled on the Darby Plains, four miles south of Milford, in 1835. He and a brother-in-law, Dr. Benjamin Davenport—a famous physician, still held in grateful remembrance by old residents of Union and Champaign Counties—started from Columbia County, State of New York, early in 1834, for the West. Not having determined on the location, the families of the two young men were left in charge of Mr. Smith at Wilkesbarre, in the picturesque valley of Lehigh, while Dr. Davenport surveyed the promised land. He selected the Darby Plains, where cousins of his, James Miller and the Culvers, were already residing on extensive farms. The next year the families followed, crossing the mountains in wagons, the only mode of conveyance in those times. Here Mr. Smith opened a carriage shop, and in later years added to the diversity of his employment by farming. Besides the land on the plains, he purchased jointly with his son-in-law, L. M. Fairbanks, a farm cut out of the Virginia military tract on the Big Darby, near the Madison County line.

William De Forest Smith was born in Litchfield County, Conn., April 3, 1805. He was a descendent of the Rev. Henry Smith, a Congregational clergyman, active in affairs in the early times of that colony. His grandfather, Bethel Smith, a farmer, who resided at Kent, on the Housatonic River, was born in 1728, and lived to be about a century old. His father, Lyman Smith, also a farmer, married Elizabeth De Forest. Soon after his birth his mother died, and Lyman went to the Green River Valley, Columbia County, N. Y., where he had a farm, to reside. He survived his wife only about five years, dying at the early age of thirty. The orphan child William was sent to live with an uncle near Great Barrington, Mass., where he was educated and instructed as a mechanic.

William De Forest Smith married a daughter of Deacon Story Gott, of Green River—Almira Gott, who was born May 21, 1809. The Gott family is also one of the oldest of the Connecticut families. Story Gott was a direct descendant of the Daniel Gott who was among the emigrants who arrived in New England prior to 1690, and settled in the valley of the Connecticut. The family was Dutch, and had been driven out of the Netherlands by Spanish Catholic persecutions; and again left England to seek perfect religious freedom in America. Story Gott, the father of Almira Gott, served as a Lieutenant throughout the Revolutionary war, thus testifying the willingness of the blood to fight for civil as well as religious liberty. After the close of the war, he built a residence on a farm he owned in the Green River Valley, midway between Green River and Spencertown, where he raised a large family, and was known to be as zealous a Presbyterian and Freemason as he had been a soldier. The family were Federalist, then Whig, and then Republican in politics, and very active. Story Gott's brother Daniel was a Member of Congress, and for many years a Judge of the Court of Appeals. Both of the brothers were personal friends as well as political associates of Horace Greeley. William De Forest Smith died in October, 1849. Almira, his wife, survived him about twelve years. They were buried in the cemetery at Milford.

The children of William De Forest and Almira Gott Smith who survive, are Ann Elizabeth, born 1828; Mary Adelaide, born 1829; Charles Warren, born 1831; William Henry, born 1833; and Celia J., born 1841. All are married and have families of their own. The eldest daughter married W. W. Norton; the second, L. M. Fairbanks, and the third, Clark Ritchie.

The elder son, C. W. Smith adopted and has followed the railroad business, and is to-day one of the most prominent and successful railroad officers in the United States. He is the General Manager of the Chesapeake and Ohio system which extends from Newport News at the confluence of the James River and Chesapeake Bay to Memphis, Tenn., and which is soon to be united with the Southern Pacific at Shreveport, La. His headquarters are at Richmond, Va.

The second son, William Henry Smith, graduated at a Quaker College near Richmond, Ind., and adopted the profession of a journalist. When twenty-one years of age, he edited at Cincinnati a literary monthly called the *Casket and Review*, and a weekly called *The Type of the Times*. Subsequently he became connected with the daily press of Cincinnati, and when the war broke out was on the editorial staff of the *Gazette*. In 1863, he was invited by John Brough, Ohio's great war Governor, became his private secretary, and while holding that position was nominated and elected Secretary of State on the Union ticket in 1864, and was reelected in 1866. He resigned this office in January, 1868, to return to journalism. He established the Cincinnati *Chronicle*, and on that being merged into the *Times*, accepted the appointment of General Manager of the Western Associated Press, the largest news organization in the world, with headquarters at Chicago. This was in January, 1870. When Rutherford B. Hayes was elected President, he appointed Mr. Smith Collector of Customs for the port of Chicago, which office he held until after the death of President Garfield, when his commission having expired, he declined to permit his name to be used longer in connection with the office. Mr. Smith has written a great deal, his largest literary work being "The St. Clair Papers," two volumes, octavo, which covers the years of the Revolutionary war, Government under the Confederation, and the Government of the Northwestern Territory before Ohio was admitted as a State.

GEORGE FENNER, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, eldest son of Hezekiah and Lucinda (Kimball) Fenner, was born in Union County, in October, 1846; his grandfather, Benjamin Fenner, came to near Liverpool, Madison County, at an early day, and purchased a farm of sixty acres. The subject of this sketch was reared in Union County, and educated in the common schools of his native place. In 1871, he was married to Celia Morse, daughter of Jason Morse. Mrs. Fenner died in 1874, and left one son—Alfred E. Mr. F. married for his second wife Alvira Bidwell, a native of this county, and a daughter of Addison Bidwell, an early settler of the county. Two children were born to this union—Howard N. and Oscar A. Mr. Fenner settled on his present farm in 1871, and is engaged in agriculture and stock-raising. His farm contains 121 acres of land, valued at $75 per acre.

A. J. FERGUSON, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, was born in Lancaster County, Penn., June 17, 1827, and is a son of William and Anna (Robbins) Ferguson. He was born in Scotland and she in New Jersey; he died in Pennsylvania in 1844. The widow with her eldest son, Wesley, came to this county in 1855; she died May 18, 1862. Our subject purchased his present estate in 1858. January 1, 1851, he was married to Eleanor, daughter of John and Margaret Jolly, who has borne him eight children, six of whom are living—Elton W., Andrew, McClellan, Mertie, Hattie M. and Nettie. April 25, 1861, Mr. Ferguson enlisted in Company F, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry—three months' service; he re-enlisted November 21, 1861, in Company K, Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served three years and one month. He passed through many of the hard-fought battles of the war, twenty-three in number; he was promoted February 16, 1862, to Second Lieutenant, and again to the First Lieutenancy after the battle of Shiloh, and was made Captain of Company C after the battle of Jonesboro. He has served in the capacity of Township Clerk for nearly twenty years, and assessed the township in 1880, and the same year took the census of Darby Township. In 1870, he was a land appraiser; he is also a member of the order of Free and Accepted Masons, and also of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which latter he is a Vice Commandant.

JOHN GUY, farmer, P. O. Plain City, is a son of James and Mary (Carey) Guy, and a grandson of Jacob and Hannah (Bean) Guy, who was born in Caledonia County, Vt. He removed to Canada in which he lived till the war of 1812, when he returned to the States and settled in Franklin County, Ohio, and some years later he returned to Canada, where his wife died; he afterward returned and died in Madison County, Ohio. James Guy was born in Vermont, and his wife in Madison County, Ohio. He settled in this county in 1845, and afterward dealt largely in stock. Nine children were born to them, eight of whom are living—Ann, Rhoda, Harriet, Mary, John, James H., Marshall P. and Lucy; Eliza M., the oldest, deceased. Our subject enlisted in 1863, in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment, one hundred day service. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

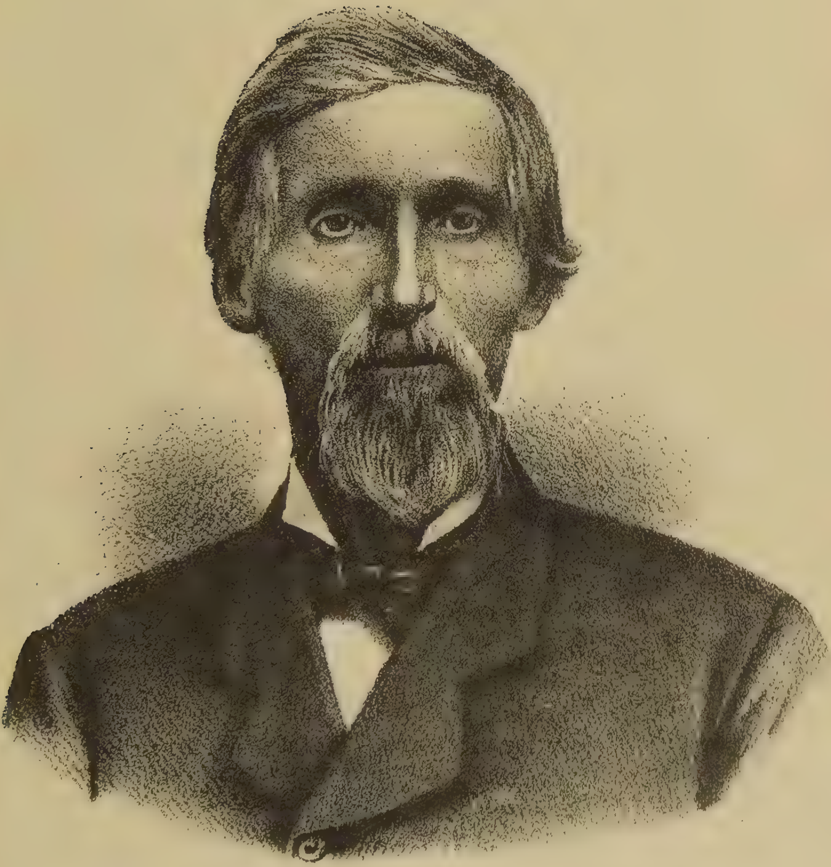
MARSHALL P. GUY, farmer, P. O. Plain City, was born in 1845, on the old homestead farm in Darby Township, upon which he has always resided. The original purchase of 146 acres has received subsequent additions, and now consists of 552 acres, of which he owns one-half. He was raised as a farmer, and in 1872 married Miss Rosa Bidwell, a daughter of Addison and Mary A. Bidwell, early pioneers of this township, where she was born and raised. This union has been blest with four children, three surviving, viz.: Alice, Rodney and Effie. During the rebellion Mr. Guy served as a private in 1864, in the one hundred days' service, with Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio National Guards. He is a believer in the doctrine of universal salvation and a member of the Universalist Church at Plain City. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity and one of the substantial freeholders of this township.

WARREN HARRIS, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, is the youngest son of Ganet and Sarah (Orr) Harris, and was born in Darby Township, Union County, in 1836. He was raised on the homestead farm in this township, and resided at home until after his marriage, which occurred in March, 1855, to Miss Eliza A. McNier, a native of this county and a daughter of John and Lydia McNier, early pioneers of this county. To this union four children have been born, all of whom are living—Mary S., wife of Charles H. Adams, resides in this township; Sarah J., wife of Albert Adams, resides in the county; Isaac W. and John E., both residing at home. Mr. Harris settled on his present farm, consisting of seventy-five and one-third acres, in February, 1879. He has always made Union County his home, and is connected with the Christian Church, and is one of the relics of the old and early pioneers of the county.

S. B. HOLYCROSS is a son of David and Phœbe Fenner Holycross, natives Virginia and Rhode Island, respectively, who settled in this county when they were married. Nine children were born to them, seven of whom are living. One son, Perry, enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga and subsequently died in a hospital. The subject of this sketch is the oldest son, and was born in Madison County, Ohio, in 1838. He served in the one hundred days' service in the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment Ohio National Guards.

HIRAM KENT, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, is the fourth child of Silas and Olive (West) Kent, natives of New Jersey and Connecticut, respectively, who came to Ohio in 1807 and located in Franklin County, where they were among the early pioneers. Our subject was born in Franklin County, in 1807, about three months after his family arrived at their Western home. The family subsequently removed to Greene County, and from there to Montgomery County, where they remained until Hiram attained the age of thirteen years, when they moved to Madison County and settled on Darby Plains. They subsequently moved to Union County and settled on the farm now owned by George Caldwell, which they afterward sold, and purchased in the same township another farm, upon which the father passed the rest of his life, dying in the fifty-sixth year of his age. His wife afterward moved to Appanoose County, Iowa, where she died. They raised a family of thirteen children, seven of whom are living. He was a man of quiet, unostentatious habits, who had no aspirations for political honors and gave his entire time to the pursuits of private life. The subject of this sketch remained at home until April 16, 1829, when he was married, on the home place, by Rev. Samuel Bradford, to Miss Miranda Harrington, who was born at East Montpelier, Vt., November 8, 1807. To them were born seven children, of whom two survive, viz.: Cicero and Lucinda. The former married Margaret J. Moffard and has five children, three sons and two daughters. The latter is the wife of E. W. Barlow. Mr. Kent settled on the farm now occupied by him in 1838. It consists of 162 acres of valuable land. His advantages for education in early life were limited, and the substance of which he is now possessed has been acquired by his own energy, economy and perseverance. He is a thorough Republican in politics, and for thirty years has been a member of the Masonic order. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN F. KILBURY, farmer, P. O. Plain City, was born in Canaan Township, Madison County, Ohio, in 1834, and is a son of Thomas and Martha (Finch) Kilbury, both natives of Vermont, who joined the pioneer settlements of Madison County at an early time. His wife died after bearing him eight children, seven of whom survive. He was again united to Mrs. Polly Somers, widow of James Somers, by whom he had five children. Three by this union are living, and the respected and aged pioneer is at this time, 1882, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. The subject of this sketch was reared on the homestead, and when nearly of age moved to Frank-



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lin County, Ohio, where he was married December, 1856, to Miss Lydia A., daughter of Jonathan Norton, a native of Franklin County. Three years afterward, he returned to Madison County, and in 1866 purchased the land of his present farm, seventy acres, upon which he settled, and has since made it his home. He is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Plain City, and has a family of seven children, all of whom are living, viz.: George E., Della J., Laura, Annette, John S., James S. and Charles F.

ASA KILBURY, farmer, P. O. Plain City, is a son of Richard and Obediana (Baldwin) Kilbury, natives of Vermont, who came to this county in 1814. He (Richard) was a son of John Kilbury, a native of England, who served seven years in the British Navy. He was set at liberty on the American shore, and settled in the above State, where he died. Richard settled in Darby Township, Madison County, Ohio, where he lived many years. He died at the age of ninety years (nearly). He was a smith by trade. Our subject was born June 24, 1806. He was married March 18, 1832, to Ruth Clark, who bore him nine children, of whom five are living, viz.: James, Robert, Mortimer, Dunbar and Solomon H. Mr. K. settled on his present estate, which consists of 192 acres, in 1863. He is one of the intelligent and enterprising citizens of the county, and in every respect a progressive man. He is an exemplary member of the Christian Church and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

JOHN KNOCK, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, was born in England in 1819, and in 1840 emigrated to this country with a brother Joseph, whose whereabouts is unknown. He located first in Summit County, Ohio, and afterward removed to this county in which he lived fourteen months; he then resided in various places until 1852, when he located in Union County. He now owns 156 acres of good land. He was married in 1846, to Grace Morrison, who has borne him five children, four of whom are living, viz.: Herman J., Adelia J., deceased, Mary L., Marilla G. and Charles M. He has served in the capacity of Trustee and Justice of the Peace. On his land is a magnetic spring which flows continually.

J. P. MARTIN, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Darby Township October 2, 1836. His parents, James and Edith (Penrose) Martin, were natives of Lancaster County, Penn. They came to Union County in a wagon, arriving in Darby Township, in September, 1835. Mr. Martin erected a log house on the site of our subject's present residence, and is still living, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He reared a family of six children, of whom four are now living. Our subject is the only son. He was reared on the homestead and educated in the schools of his native place, and Otterbein University. In September, 1869, he removed to his present location. In the second year of the rebellion, Mr. Martin enlisted in Company D, Fortieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served three months, and was discharged by an act of the War Department. He re-enlisted in November, 1862, in ——— Ohio Cavalry, and served till the close of the war. He was subsequently employed in the mustering service at Louisville, Ky. At the termination of this military service, he returned home, and November, 1867, was married to Miss Harriet, daughter of Frederick Sager. Two children were the fruits of this union—James H. and Jasper M. Mrs. Martin was reared to womanhood in Darby Township, and educated in the Female Department of the Ohio Wesleyan University, from which institution she graduated in June, 1867. Mr. Martin finished his course in the Otterbein University, in June, 1861, and ever since has displayed an active interest in educational affairs.

JAMES MARTIN, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, an old and respected pioneer of Union County, was born in Lancaster County, Penn., in 1805. His parents, Jonathan and Keziah (Irwin) Martin, were natives of Lancaster County, and of Irish ancestry. Mr. Martin passed his youth and early manhood on his father's farm, and has always followed that avocation. In 1833, he came on horseback to Union County, occupying eleven days in the trip. He purchased the homestead, and returned to Pennsylvania, and the following year moved with his family to this county, making the journey in a wagon in seventeen days. Mr. Martin bought 150 acres of woodland, for which he paid $10 an acre, the highest rate at which land was selling. Mr. Martin cleared and well improved his farm, and has been engaged in the pursuits of agriculture and stock-raising. In 1832, he was married to Miss Edith Penrose, by whom he has had six children; of these four are living, viz., Joseph; Belle, wife of Joseph Woods; Maria, wife of James Anderson; and ———. Mr. Martin has always resided on the homestead farm, which he has increased to 230 acres. He is connected with the Presbyterian Church of Milford Center, and is a highly esteemed citizen.

JAMES McCLOUD, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, is a grandson of Thomas McCloud, a native of Vermont, who with two brothers, Charles and David, came to the West and settled on Darby Plains, this county and township, in 1810, and were among its earliest pioneers. The subject of this sketch was born in Delaware County, Ohio, in 1833. His parents, John and Laura (Tinkham) McCloud, were natives of Delaware County and Vermont, respectively. They settled in Madison County in 1853. Two years later they moved to Whitley County, Ind., thence to Miami County, and to Union County, Ohio, in 1850, and settled on a farm in Union Township. His death occurred at Unionville Center, January 19, 1872. His wife, who survives, is in the seventy-first year of her age. James McCloud was married in 1854 to Miss Malinda, daughter of Jeremiah Converse, a pioneer family of Madison County, where she was born. This union has produced six children, three of whom are living, viz., Jeremiah B., Nina

R. and Mamie M. Mr. McCloud served the three months' call for troops during the rebellion, in the ranks of Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio National Guard, and suffered by sickness nearly the whole time of service. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church or Louis Chapel of Chuckery.

DAVID McCLOUD, farmer. P. O. Milford Center, was born in Adams County, Ohio, in April, 1838, and is a son of John McCloud, a native of Ohio, and Laura Tinkham, his wife. The latter was born at Barre, Vt., and when six years of age came to the West with her parents, Isaac and Cynthia (Snow) Tinkham, who settled north of Worthington, Franklin County. Mrs. Tinkham died near Columbus, and he afterward married again and moved to Indiana, where he died. John and Laura McCloud had ten children that reached their majority, of whom seven are now living, our subject being the fourth son. His maternal grandfather was a native of Vermont, and a soldier in the war of Independence. The McCloud family moved to Delaware County, Ohio, thence to Madison County, thence to Indiana, thence, in 1859, to this county, and our subject located on his present farm in 1872. In July, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, being at that time a Corporal. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg and at Atlanta, in the latter engagement receiving a flesh wound in the arm, on account of which he received a thirty-days' furlough. Returning to his regiment, he served under Sherman in his march to the sea. About the time of Hood's raid, he was retiring to the right and joined his command at Marietta, Ga. He took part in the Grand Review at Washington, and was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, in August, 1865. On November 16, 1870, he married Miss Clara J. Morse, a daughter of Ray G. Morse, and by her has had four children, two living, viz., Mertie A. and Laura B. Mr. McCloud is a Republican in politics, and the owner of eighty-eight acres of valuable and productive land.

J. C. McCLOUD, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, in 1829, and is a son of Thomas and Lovina (Cummings) McCloud; the former a native of New Hampshire, and the latter of Maryland. His father, with Benjamin Tinkham, were among the early pioneers of Union County. Thomas and wife subsequently removed to Delaware County, Ohio, where they both died. The subject of this sketch was married in 1862, to Melissa, youngest living daughter of Benjamin Tinkham. One child, Tina, the only living of this union. Mr. McCloud served the 100-days' call during the rebellion in Company K, One Hundred and Sixth Ohio National Guard, and has always made farming his profession. His home is the original farm selected by Benjamin Tinkham, where he passed the years of his life. Mr. and Mrs. McCloud are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are descendants of Union County's oldest and respected pioneers.

THOMAS C. McDOWELL, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, is a grandson of John McDowell, and a son of William G. McDowell, and Rebecca Paris, his wife. John and William G. McDowell were natives of Pennsylvania, who came to this county at an early day, and settled on a farm of eighty acres in Union Township. To this farm William G. afterward made additions, until, at his death, in 1855, it consisted of 320 acres. He was an extensive farmer, and one of the leading stock dealers in the county, and gave his entire attention to these two branches of industry. His widow is still living, and is now in the sixty-seventh year of her age. They raised a family of seven children, four boys and three girls, of whom five are now living, our subject being the second son of the family. He was born on the homestead farm in 1843, and in August, 1861, enlisted in Company B, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, a term of three years and eleven months. He participated in the battles of Harper's Ferry, Champion Hills and siege of Vicksburg, remaining at the latter place until February, when the regiment re-enlisted. After a thirty days' scout, the command went to Meridian, Miss., where they received a thirty days' furlough and returned home. After the expiration of their leave of absence, they returned to Memphis, crossed Tennessee and joined Sherman's army, at Shanty Station, Ga. Mr. McDowell served at the battles of Marietta, Kenesaw Mountain and Atlanta, February 22, where he was taken prisoner, and after sixty days in Andersonville, was released on a special exchange between Sherman and Hood, returning to his command; and he was in Sherman's march at the sea, and at the battle of Raleigh, N. C., where he witnessed the surrender of the rebel Gen. Lee. He afterward took part in the grand review, and was mustered out of the service at Louisville, Ky., July 25, 1865. After he returned to civil life he remained at home, where he was married in 1869, to Emily Mitchell, a daughter of J. Mitchell, and a native of this county. To this union five children were born, three surviving, viz.: Eddie M., Effie L. and Lutrella. Mr. McDowell is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Ex-Prisoners' Association of Columbus. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Unionville, and a Republican in politics.

J. C. MITCHELL, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center. The Mitchell family are largely represented in Union County, the descendants of whom were of Pennsylvania stock. The grand parent, Samuel, with a colony of four families, was the first to found a settlement on the Darby in this county, in 1799, where they raised families and died. David Mitchell, the father of our subject, was born in York County, Penn., April 30, 1760, and was one of four children, who passed a portion of their lives in this county, where he died January 28, 1826. His first wife, Miss Hannah Black, was born in August, 1764, and died September 20, 1823, and were the parents of thirteen children. His second marriage was to Miss Rebecca Nelson, February 26, 1824. She died October 9, 1824. He returned to his native place in Pennsylvania, where he was again married October 6, 1825, to Miss Hannah, daughter of John Caldwell, of York County, Penn. David Mitchell served as Justice of the Peace all his life, and married thirty-two couple in Union County. He was one of the first Associate Judges of the county, and for years an Elder of the Presbyterian Church. His counsel was sought in all public affairs; he was a father to the poor, and in death left an honored and cherished name. The subject of this sketch is the only living representative of this family, and was born in Darby Township, in 1826. He was married August 26, 1852, to Miss Nancy J., a daughter of Samuel McCullough. This union has been blest with six children, four of whom are living, viz.: Lucinda A., wife of William Markly; Emma J., wife of J. B Galloway, who reside on the homestead; Samuel M. and David A. Mr. M. has always lived a quiet, unostentatious life on the homestead, surrounded by his children and grandchildren. In 1876, after a visit to the centennial at Philadelphia, Penn , he gradually lost his eyesight, and became totally blind; yet he is of sound health, and his keen sense of hearing, combined with qualities of the head and heart, make him a pleasing companion. He numbers among those of the oldest born settlers of the county.

DANIEL MITCHELL, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center. The grandparents of Daniel, David and Martha Mitchell, were among the earliest pilgrims of Union County. He purchased and settled on 600 acres of land in Darby Township, where they both died. The subject of this sketch was born in Darby Township, Union County, in 1817. His parents, Moses and Jennie (Taylor) Mitchell, were natives of Pennsylvania, and located with the family in this township, where they passed the remaining years of their lives. They raised a family of ten children, six of whom survive. Our subject is the oldest living of the children, and was married in 1842 to Miss Sarah Marquis, a native of Madison County. This union has produced four children, viz.: Edward, Cinthia, Hattie and Frank. Mr. Mitchell occupied his present estate in 1846, consisting of 217 acres. He is a practical farmer, and politically is a Douglas Democrat of the old Jacksonian school.

DAVID MITCHELL, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, is a grandson of David Mitchell, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and a son of Moses and Jane (Taylor) Mitchell. His father was also born in Pennsylvania, and came West with his parents in 1812, and settled on land now owned by John Mitchell. He had a family of six children by his first wife, and by his second wife, Jemima Cartright, had a like number. He died at the age of eighty-one years, in 1863. Our subject was married in 1851 to Miss Elizabeth Winfield, by whom he had eight children, seven of whom are living, viz.: Mary J., Arvilla, Fannie, Alice, Mattie, Rosa and Scott.

JOSEPH MORSE, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, is a son of Ray G. Morse, and was born in Union Township in 1837. He was married in 1872 to Elizabeth, daughter J. S. Taylor, of Madison County, Ohio, by whom he has had one child, viz., Sadie. Mr. Morse enlisted in 1862 in Company E, Eighty-sixth Regiment, in which he served four months. He owns ninety-two acres of land, valued at $100 per acre. Politically he is Republican, and, besides, is one of the enterprising farmers of the county.

W. F. H. PENNINGTON, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, was born in Champaign County in 1832 He is a son of Thomas and Ann E. (Hollaway) Pennington. His father and parents removed and settled near Hillsboro, Ohio; his grandfather subsequently removed to Milton, Ind., where he died. Thomas and Ann E. Pennington moved to Clark County, and afterward to Champaign County. In 1842, they went to Madison County, and in 1854 to Williams County, where Mr. Pennington died in 1864. Mrs. Pennington resides in that county, in the seventy-sixth year of her age. They reared a family of twelve children, seven of whom are living at the present time. The subject whose name heads this sketch is the fourth child. He came to Union County in 1860, and taught school the two succeeding years. May 2, 1864, he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment Ohio National Guards, and served till August 30, when he was honorably discharged. Returning home he resumed farming and teaching. December 25, 1865, he was married to Harriet R., daughter of Michael Sager, and a native of Union County. Mr. Pennington owns a good farm and is engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. Mr. Pennington is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is also connected with the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery of the Masonic order. Politically, he is a Republican. He has served his township in the capacity of Trustee and various other local offices.

PHILIP RAUSCH, farmer, P. O. Marysville, a prominent German farmer of Union County, was born in Frederickstown, Md., November 24, 1831. He is a son of George and Catharine (Blumenshine) Rausch, who emigrated from Germany in 1830 and settled in Maryland, removing to Darby Township in April, 1832, where Mr. Rausch died August 17, 1862. Philip is the third of a family of ten children, of whom eight are living. When twenty years of age, he started out working by the month, and followed this employment three years at wages from $10 a month to 50 cents a day. In 1854, he bought 100 acres in Darby Township, and the following fall erected his home, burning the brick himself. He made subsequent additions to the original purchase till his farm now contains 640 acres of well improved and highly cultivated land. Mr.

Rausch celebrated his marriage April 15, 1855, with Miss Barbara, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Grace, who was born in Germany, November 10, 1834. Thirteen children were born to bless this union; of these twelve are living, viz.: John A. W.; Catharine, wife of Martin Ruprite; Casper; Lena; Mary; Emanuel; Charlie; Michael; Willie; Anna; Dora and Caroline. Philip died, aged twelve years. Mr. Rausch started in life without a dollar, but by his industry and excellent business management he achieved a large success. For the last twenty-six years he has been engaged in breeding and rearing draft horses, and keeping a high grade of cattle and hogs. Mr. and Mrs. Rausch are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics, Mr. Rausch is neutral, voting for the man and not the party. He served Darby Township in the capacity of Trustee for ten years, and has also filled other local offices of minor importance.

PETER RAUSCH, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Darby Township, on October 5, 1844, and is the seventh child of George and Catherine (Blumenshine) Rausch. She came to this township with her father, Peter Blumenshine, in 1830. He first settled on the land now owned by Philip Rausch, and died at the home of Casper Rausch in 1862. Catherine Rausch is living with Casper to-day, in the seventy-eighth year of her age. The subject of this sketch was raised on the homestead farm, and was married in 1867 to Miss Doratha, a daughter of John Bunsold, an old settler of Darby Township. To this union seven children have been born, all of whom are living—Catherine, Maggie, Annie, Philip, John L., Sophia and Lena. There was of George and Catherine Blumenshine's family nine children born, eight of whom are living in this county. Mr. R. has filled the office of School Director two years, and is an officer in the Lutheran Church, of which the family are all members.

BARNARD RAUSCH, Jr., farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Darby Township in September, 1845, and is the youngest son of George and Catherine (Blumenshine) Rausch, who emigrated to this county in 1830, and located in Maryland two years. He came to this county and settled in this township, where he resided until his death in 1862. The subject of this sketch was born and raised on the homestead farm, and was married in October, 1869, to Miss Catherine Bunsold, daughter of John Bunsold; she is a native of this county. To this union six children were born—John, Lillie, Etta, Richey, Clara, and Mary, deceased. Mr. R. settled on his present farm in the same year of his marriage. The farm consists of 112 acres, where he has since made his home. He and family are connected with the Lutheran Church, and he numbers among the enterprising and active farmers of Darby Township.

SAMUEL ROBINSON, farmer, P. O. Plain City. This distinguished pioneer, whose portrait appears in this volume, is a son of James and Jane (Morrison) Robinson, of York County, Penn. He (James), with a brother Samuel, left their home in Pennsylvania and journeyed to Tennessee, to meet Lucas Sullivant, the original proprietor of a large tract of land, now embraced in the limits of Darby Township. Securing the company of Mr. Sullivant, the trio started on the journey to Union County, traveling six weeks through an unbroken wilderness, and never meeting the face of a white person. Reaching their destination in the spring of 1800, the brothers purchased 600 acres of land. Clearing a spot and planting the first crop, James returned to his native place where he was married in 1801, and returned in 1805 with his bride, to his cabin home in the wilderness. Here they lived, rejoiced and sorrowed to the end of life's journey. They were the parents of eight children, four of whom are living to perpetuate their honored name. William, the eldest, is one of the oldest born and living pioneers of the county; James, a resident of Jerome Township; Samuel and Annie. The subject of this sketch was born on the homestead farm in Darby Township, November 18, 1814. He was married January 19, 1841, to Miss Nancy, a daughter of James A. and Phebe Curry, and a sister of John Curry. She was a native of Jerome Township, Union County, where her birth occurred January 19, 1822, and died April 10, 1865, the mother of eight children, six of whom are living—James I.; Viana, wife of John McCullough; Eldridge, Otway C., Phebe and Addison. His second marriage to Miss Jennie Kincaid, a Virginian, occurred December 29, 1876. This union has been blest with three children, all of whom are growing into life amid the cultivated and productive scenes cleared by the hand of their forefathers. Their names are Josephine, Inez, and one not yet christened. Mr. R. settled on a farm of 317 acres, which his father subsequently purchased, where he has since made it his home. He is a man of quiet, unostentatious habits, fond of home, a good neighbor, an honored and esteemed citizen.

S. D. ROBINSON, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center. This respected pioneer is a son of Samuel Robinson, a native of York County, Penn., who, migrating to the West, purchased 400 acres of land on the plains of this township, and was one of the early pilgrims in the county. In 1806, he located in Franklin County, Ohio, where he was married to Miss Martha Hunter. The first court of Franklin County was held at his home, where he became distinguished as an early settler. Returning to his estate in this county, he cleared the land, raised a family and died. He was an expert with the broad-ax, and with that instrument hewed out the coffin that contained the remains of Samuel McCullough, who was the first person buried in Mitchell Cemetery in this township in 1800. He was a good scholar, dignified in his appearance, and was the first to advocate the temperance cause, and organize the associate church, subsequently known as the United Presbyterian, in which he was an Elder for many years, and was a zealous worker in religious exercises. The land of his adoption was purchased from the Virginia Military lands, a portion of which is occupied by his heirs. He raised a family of nine children, the eldest living of whom is Margaret, widow of Samuel McCullough, and was born in Franklinton, Franklin Co., Ohio, and at this time, 1882, is in the seventy-sixth year of her age. The subject of this sketch was born on the homestead farm in 1816. At the age of twenty-four years, he settled upon his present farm of 185 acres, where he has since constantly resided. He was united in marriage in Greene County, Ohio, to Miss Ann F., daughter of William Pollock, and a native of Ross County, Ohio. This union has produced six children, five of whom are living, viz.: John S., eldest son, enlisted in the Union army on the call for 75,000 troops, in the Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the regiment was re-organized for three years' service, re-enlisting in the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and serving the three months call; William P. enlisted in 1863, in Company B, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving six months, and re-enlisting in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He participated with the regiment in the battles of Atlanta, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Jonesboro, and with Sherman on his memorable march to the sea, thence at Owensboro, Bentonville and through the grand review at Washington, and was mustered out at Camp Denison in July, 1865; Samuel F. married Miss Kate Cole, a native of England, resides in Greenfield, Iowa, where he has been engaged in the mercantile trade for the past two years, where he is well established and favorably known; Mary R., wife of William Avis, of this county, and Ollie, residing on the homestead. Mr. R. is one of our oldest citizens. He is an officer in the Presbyterian Church at Unionville Center, and is widely and favorably known.

W. H. ROBINSON, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, a descendant of pioneer stock, and a son of Samuel, a native of York County, Penn., who migrating to the West, purchased 400 acres of land on the banks of the Big Darby. In 1806, he removed to Franklin County, where he was married to Miss Martha Hunter. Subsequently he returned to this county and settled on his purchase, where he reared a family and died. He was an expert with the broad ax, and hewed out the coffin that contained the remains of Samuel McCullough, the first person buried in the Mitchel Cemetery in Darby Township. He was a good scholar and adherent of temperance, and one of the first organizers of the associate Presbyterian Church, and a man established in the hearts of all who knew him. The subject of this sketch was born on the homestead January 14, 1822. His farm embraces 150 acres of the original farm. He was married in January, 1850, in Jerome Township, to Miss Elizabeth McCampbell, a sister of J. T. McCampbell, and a native of this county. Six children born to this union are all living, viz.: James C., Mary J, wife of W. McDowell; Rosa, wife of John Robinson; Elinor, Frank and Mertie. The family are connected with the United Presbyterian Church of Unionville, and among the oldest and respected families of the county.

J. C. ROBINSON, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, is a son of George and Elizabeth (Clarkson) Robinson, both natives of Pennsylvania, where she died after raising a family of eight children, four of whom are living. He with his children came to the west in 1854, and settled on the Big Darby in this township, and was a resident of Darby until the close of his life in 1859. The subject of this sketch was born in York Township, Penn., in March, 1828. Farming has been his occupation through life, and by energy and perseverance has made success. He purchased thirty-six acres of his present farm at the close of the war, and with subsequent additions now covers 135 acres upon which he has just completed and occupied a commodious and substantial residence. He served four months in the Union army during the rebellion, enlisting in the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was married June 29, 1858, to Miss Amelia, daughter of a pioneer family, of Darby Township. This union has been blest with two children, one of whom is living, Lula R. The family are connected with the Presbyterian Church at Milford Center.

D. M. ROBINSON, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, was born September 1, 1823. He is a son of John W. and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Robinson, and a grandson of James Robinson, one of the early pioneer settlers of Union County. Our subject was raised to manhood in his native place, and educated in the common schools of the county. In October, 1853, he was married to Miss Mary J. Valentine, daughter of James Valentine, and a native of Athens County, Ohio. They were blessed with five children, viz., John W., married Rosa Robinson; Algernon N.; D. Elmer; F. Scott and Mattie (deceased). Mr. Robinson and family are associated with the Presbyterian Church of Milford Center, of which he is an Elder. Mr. Robinson is a man of enterprise, and has been chosen to various local offices of honor and trust. He served as Trustee of Darby Township a number of terms, and in politics is a Republican.

BENJAMIN L. ROBINSON, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center. The subject of this sketch is a production of the third generation, the progenitors of whom have pioneered their settlement to their better and happier home. Alex, the grandparent, was among the first settlers to clear a spot, and erect a cabin in the limits of Union County. The exact time of his location is not definitely known. The parents of Benjamin, Alex, Jr., and Edith (Penrose) Robinson, were both natives of Union County, and were widely known and esteemed. Benjamin L., the youngest son, was born on the homestead in Darby Township, in 1859. He was married September 20, 1881, to Miss Sarah, daughter of J. M. Andrews, of this township, of which she is a native. The following year he settled on his present home of eighteen acres, where he is industriously engaged.

GEORGE C. RUHL, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Darby Township, Union County, August 27, 1846, and is the youngest child of George and Annie E. (Cook) Ruhl, both natives of Germany, where they were married, and embarked to the United States in August, 1836. They located near Harrisburg, Penn., where they resided about three years, when they removed to this county, and settled in this township in 1839. He purchased land now occupied by George Mader's farm. He was a resident of this county during his life, and died November 7, 1881, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. The widow and mother yet survives with her children in Paris Township in the eightieth year of her age. They had born to them nine children, four of whom are living in this county. The subject of this sketch was married, September 5, 1867, to Miss Mary M., daughter of George Scheiderer. She is a native of this township and county. To this union seven children were born, five of whom are living, viz., John S., Catherine, Kunigunda, Mary and Lena. Mr. Ruhl has filled the office of Township Trustee for the past three years, and has been one of the directors of the Lutheran Church, with which the family are connected. He purchased his present farm in August, 1873, and settled on the same in the fall of the same year. At that time the purchase was 121 acres, and he has since bought eighteen additional acres. This land is in a cultivated state, and very productive. Mr. Ruhl ranks as one of the enterprising and active farmers of the county.

MICHAEL SAGER, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center. The records of the Sager family go to show them to be of German descent. The grandparents, George and Elizabeth (Sheets) Sager, were natives of Loudoun County, Va., and settled on the homestead in Darby Township, near Unionville, in 1806. He was a pioneer physician of the early times, and was widely and favorably known. He raised a family of ten children, eight sons and two daughters. The subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears in this volume, was born on the homestead farm in 1817. His parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Sandbower) Sager, were both natives of Virginia. Of the children born to this union, there are living, viz., Ann, wife of J. M. Andrews; Michael, and Sarah, wife of Gregory Hawley. Mr. Sager was married in 1840 to Miss Mariet, daughter of Squire Deland, and a native of Vermont. This union has produced five children, but one of whom survives, viz., Harriet D., wife of W. F. H. Pennington, who resides on the homestead farm, at this time consisting of 200 acres. Two sons, George M. and Edwin, gave their service and their lives to their country's flag, in the ranks of the Union army during the late rebellion. George M. enlisted in the three-years call, August 11, 1861, in Company D, Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and had nearly served his time when, in an engagement near Kenesaw Mountain, Ga., he was shot through the right lung and shoulder-blade, and instantly killed. Edwin enlisted August 16, 1862, in Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was shot through the right lung on the field of Chickamauga, September 20, 1863. He so far recovered as to rejoin the command, and received a fatal shot at Kenesaw Mountain, from which he died. They were both buried on the field of battle, but afterward recovered and conveyed to their birthplace for interment. Mr. Sager is a descendant of one of Union's earliest settled families, and numbers among those of the oldest born pioneers. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

JOHN M. SCHEIDERER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 24, 1814. His parents, John and Elizabeth Scheiderer, were also natives of Bavaria. Our subject is the oldest of seven children. In 1836, he came to America, and spent seven years working near Columbus, Ohio, at a salary of $12 per month. At the end of this time, he had saved $600, and in 1843 purchased seventy acres in Darby Township, for which he paid $4 an acre. His purchase was located in woods, and he had to clear a site for a house, which he erected of logs. In 1865, he built a brick residence at a cost of $1,000. His farm now contains 175 acres, and is well improved. At one time he owned over 800 acres in Darby Township, which he divided among his children, leaving him a homestead of 175 acres. He was married April 1, 1843, to Eva Schroll, a daughter of Milford Schroll, who was born in Bavaria December 18, 1818. Of ten children born to them, eight are living, viz.: Casper G., John P., Peter, Magdalena, wife of George Renner; Christopher; Barbara, wife of J. G. Nicol; John G. and George P. George and John M. are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Scheiderer are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. S. is a Democrat. He was Trustee of Darby Township six years.

JOHN P. SCHIDERER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Darby Township, Union County, in 1845, and is the second son of John M. and Eva (Schroll) Schiderer. They were married at Columbus, Ohio. He emigrated to the United States at an early day, and after stopping in Columbus two years, selected his home in this township, where he yet resides. The subject of this sketch was married May 4, 1871, to Miss Elizabeth Mader, daughter of George Mader, of this county. She is a native of this county. To this union five children were born, three boys and two girls, of whom four are living, two boys and two girls, viz.: Andrew, Casper, Barbara and Mary. He and his family are connected with the Lutheran Church of this township. He moved upon his present estate in 1871, after marriage, which he purchased of his father, consisting of 156¾ acres, which is among the most improved and valuable land of this township.

PETER SCHEIDERER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born on the old homestead in Darby Township in 1847. He is third son of John M. and Eva (Schroll) Scheiderer. His early life was passed on the farm. September 7, 1873, he was married to Miss Mary Hupman, a native of Germany; of five children born to them four are living—Lacarias, Elizabeth, Christopher and Magdalene. The same year of his marriage, Mr. Scheiderer settled on his present farm consisting of 149 acres. He also owns sixty-three acres adjoining; he and family are members of the Lutheran Church.

JAMES S. SMITH, farmer, P. O. Plain City. The paternal grandparents of the subject of this sketch were Samuel Smith and Sally Bailey, his wife. Samuel Smith was a son of James Smith and a native of Massachusetts. He was a member of the Methodist denomination, but after coming to Ohio, devoted his time largely to farming. During the Revolutionary war, he was a Sergeant, and for three months was engaged in guarding the Hessians; he was also engaged for six months on Long Island, and at one time, during the latter term of service, being detailed to watch the enemy from the top of a breastwork then being erected, he had 300 shot and shell fired at him by the red coats. He was the father of nine children, one of whom died at their home in Vermont. In 1817, he came to the West and located on 637 acres of land in Darby Township, Madison County, which he purchased at $2 per acre. He brought with him seven children, three sons and four daughters, his eldest son having preceded him to the West. He afterward disposed of 237 acres of his land, retaining 400 acres, on which he continued to live. His wife was a daughter of Joshua Bailey and Elizabeth Chase, his wife. James Smith, the father of our subject and a son of the above, was born in the woods at Berlin, Vt., September 23, 1793, and received very little schooling, by walking a mile through the woods to a school, then being taught by a woman, in a barn. At twenty years of age he came to Ohio with his father, but afterward returned to Vermont, and in 1820 married Lucy K. Jones, a native of that State, with whom he returned to his Ohio home. He had two children—Ira B., who died at the age of twenty-two years, and James S. In 1822 or 1823, he joined his brother John in the purchase of 200 acres of land, for which they paid $300. They continued together in their operations until they had 1,400 acres, and in 1850 they divided their property, each taking half in value. James chose, the west half, and continued in possession of it until February, 1881. In 1874, he discovered a failing in his sight, caused by the growth of a cataract over the right eye, which in time affected the other eye, and has resulted in almost total blindness. He makes his residence with his son, and now in the declining years of his life is tenderly cared for by the latter and his family. James S. Smith, whose name heads this sketch, was born at the old homestead in Darby Township, Madison County, August 9, 1823, and in 1850 came to his present place of residence. He owns 1,100 acres of land, part in Darby Township, Union County, and part in Darby Township, Madison County. On September 8, 1853, he married Miss Amanda Perry, a daughter of James and Susan (Lawrence) Perry, natives of Massachusetts, of English descent; she was born at Plainfield, Vt., March 3, 1835. To this union four children have been born—Adeline T., born October 21, 1854; Archibald E., born January 11, 1859; Elmer Lawrerce, born January 29, 1861 and died June 19, 1874, from injuries received by a kick of a horse, and Merton A., born July 5, 1866. The surviving children reside at the house of their parents. In 1862, Mr. Smith left his farm and took up his residence in Urbana, where he remained until 1867, when he returned to this farm, and has remained on it constantly since.

E. C. SMITH, Jr., farmer, P. O. Plain City, is a son of Eleazer C. and Irena (Doty) Smith, who came West in 1832, and purchased 167 acres of land on which he died in 1866; his wife departed this life in 1848. Twelve children were born to them, seven of whom are living. The subject of this sketch was born in East Montpelier, Vt., in 1826. He was married February 12, 1850, to Catherine A. Stephens, who has borne him four children, two of whom are living—Charles C. and John E. D. Mr. S. owns 220 acres of valuable land; he has held the office of Township Trustee twelve years, and takes an active interest in public affairs; he is a member of the Methodist Church, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

CONRAD STEEGE, Jr., Principal of the Lutheran School, Marysville, was born in Hesse, now the Province of the Prussian Kingdom, in 1842, and is the oldest son of Conrad and Mary (Knake) Steege, natives of the same province, who with four children embarked to the United States in 1856, and landed at New York in October of the same year. He was a tailor by trade, and located in the German settlement called Chamburgh, in Cook County, where he remained through the winter, and in the spring moved to Will County, Ill., and continued at his trade, where he is yet residing with the four children born in his native country. Two children have been born since his settlement in the United States. The subject of this sketch was educated in the seminary at Addison Du Page County, Ill., where he graduated in 1871. The same year he came to this county, in answer to a call from the German settlement in Darby Township, and was instituted teacher of the German Lutheran School on the 29th of July, of the same year, where he has since been engaged. Mr. S. worked at farming in the early years of his life until seventeen or eighteen years of age, when he engaged as clerk and salesman until he entered the service of the Union army in September, 1864, in Company A, Twentieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted as a private, but was elected Sergeant before going to the field. He served through to the close of the war in that office, and was mustered out at

Chicago in July, 1865. The regiment was sent to Camp Butler, at Springfield, Ill., and remained until March, when they were despatched to North Carolina, where they arrived soon after Sherman's battle at Goldsboro; thence to Raleigh, N. C., on to Richmond and Washington, and through the grand review. Returning to peaceful pursuits, he assumed his former occupation as salesman with Brown Brothers, at Crete, until his entry at school in 1868. He was united in marriage November 9, 1866, to Miss Mina, daughter of Joachim Becker. She was born in Pommern Province of Prusssia, and emigrated to this country with her parents in 1862. To this union eight children have been born, of whom are living—Emma, Martin, Edward, Louis, Emanuel, Bertha and Clara. He is organist in the Lutheran Church, with which his family are all connected. His father who had but the measure of energy and perseverance of his people, has, with economy and industry, gained a successful footing, and has become a clothing merchant, in Crete, Ill., where he has been in the business circles since 1867. At that time he erected a small building for a store, which was the foundation for successful years of business to this time. His wife died in 1853, and he was again married to Miss Mary Bode. By this union he has two living children.

GEORGE STEVENS, farmer, P. O. Plain City. The progenitors of the Stevens family were of English stock. The first of the name in the United States, was Prince Stevens, the grandparent, who made a permanent settlement in the Green Mountains of Vermont, where he died. The maternal head, Joshua Lawrence, was English born, and served under Washington in the Revolutionary war. Charles Stevens, the father of George, was a native of Vermont, and his wife, Hannah Lawrence, was born in Massachusetts. They subsequently moved to East Montpelier, Vt., where they both died. The subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears in this work, was born in Plainfield, Vt., in 1811. He was married at East Montpelier, Vt., to Miss Caira Edwards, who died with her first-born child, and both were laid at rest in one grave. In 1835, Mr. S. came to Union County, after laboring at the shoe bench some years, had by close, economy, saved a small sum of money. In looking over the wooded scenery of Union County, he resolved to invest his last dollar, and accordingly invested his entire capital, $47 in cash, for twenty acres of his present farm. Here he cleared a spot, built his cabin, and went to work, binding his energies and his time in founding a home. By hard labor, economy and perseverence, he was soon enabled to make additions to his little home. and long ere the hand of time had silvered his hair with its threescore and ten, the rude cabin had given place to a commodious farmhouse, from which the eye could trace the boundaries of 700 acres of land composed of the rich and productive soil of Darby plains. This accumulation has been secured through hardship, and the privations incident to pioneer life. He subsequently contracted and graded a portion of the Pan Handle Railroad, and for a number of years has dealt largely in stock. His second marriage occurred January 3, 1837, to Miss Emily, daughter of E. C. Smith, and a native of Plainfield, Vt. Of the children born to this union, two are living, viz.: George W., who married Miss Nancy Ketch, by whom he has three children, viz.: Fanny, Harry and Ebbin E.; Mary E., wife of P. B. Ferris, presents one grandchild (Flora E.) to the joy and comfort of the household. The family are connected with the Church Universal of Plain City. Since the compilation of this sketch, we learn with sorrow of the death of George Stevens, February 18, 1883.

J. F. WOODS, farmer, P. O. Milford Center. John Power Woods, the father of Joseph F. Woods, was born in Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., Penn., in the year 1806, and within two years after his birth, his father, Rev. Samuel Woods, and his mother, moved out to Union County, in the State of Ohio. In a short time after they moved here, he was ordained and installed the first Presbyterian pastor of what was then called Upper Liberty Church, or congregation, which had then been recently organized. Upper Liberty Church was located about two miles below Milford Center, on the waters of Big Darby Creek. Lower Liberty Church was situated twelve miles below Milford, on the Columbus road, on the waters of the same creek. He preached in those two congregations from the time of his installment until his death, which took place in the year 1815, when he was in his thirty-fifth or thirty-sixth year. He was much respected and esteemed as a pastor and in every way by his congregations and by all his hearers and members in his churches; had much influence in building up and helping to enlarge churches during the brief period of his pastorate. He graduated in Dickenson College, Pennsylvania, and was thoroughly educated for the ministry. He left a widow and five small children, four sons and one daughter, John Power, Eliza, Samuel, James F. and William W. The eldest was in his ninth year, and youngest was about one year old. The mother, Margaret Woods, brought up, raised and provided for these children principally by her own well-directed and wisely shaped industry and economy Her money income (if it may so be called) for the first ten or twelve years thereafter, was obtained by the results arising from the skillful and ingenious use and application of her needle. Many wedding suits were made by her during this period of her life, and said to be in the latest and neatest style and of the best of fits. The marriage suit of a learned Presbyterian Clergyman's son, the father of an ex Congressman from Union County, was of her make and finish. She was young, healthy and handsome, educated, fluent, easy and interesting in conversation. She instructed in the kitchen, and was not ashamed to put her hands to the help and the work therein. She was a lady to entertain in the parlor, would often

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drop her needle and as often go from kitchen to parlor to entertain neighbors, strangers, doctors and lawyers, many clergymen and some divines from Scotland. She taught her children by way of parables, to make their own shoes, and to stand in their own boots and not in those of any other person. None of these five children are now living but James F., who now resides in Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Penn. Her father was Col. John Power, of Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., Penn., an intelligent farmer, and a man of much moral force and worth. Her mother was a daughter of Rev. James Finley, D. D., who was her grandfather and about the first Presbyterian who preached west of the Alleghany Mountains. He and his brother, Samuel Finley, were both graduates of Princeton College, New Jersey, and both were thoroughly educated and learned for Presbyterian ministers, and became in early life influential Doctors of Divinity and distinguished theologians. Samuel was President of Princeton College some time before his death. Samuel Woods, the grandfather of these five small children aforementioned, came to this country at an early day, and first settled in Lancaster County, Penn., but in a short time thereafter, moved to Cumberland County, near Carlisle, Penn., and there educated his family. He was an intelligent and energetic farmer, and was a man noted for his moral worth. Two of his sons, William and Samuel, were graduates of Dickenson College, Pennsylvania, and educated especially for Presbyterian ministers, and became pastors in that church, of influence. William settled in Western Pennsylvania, and was installed pastor at an early day in Bethel Church, near Pittsburgh, and continued pastor in the same church and congregation for many years, from the time of his installment up to the time of his death. Samuel went West to Union County in the State of Ohio, as before stated. The three ancestoral families or first stock of the Woods family and Power family were as much respected and as well educated and as noted and distinguished Presbyterians as any other three families in this county at that period. Their descendants are now dispersed in divers locations through the Eastern, Middle, Western and Southern States. Among them are doctors, lawyers, Judges of courts, clergymen, teachers in institutions of learning, Presidents of colleges and seminaries, and Doctors of Divinity. The history of the first named ancestors, together with some of their descendants, anything like in full, when put on paper, would require volumes. J. F. Woods, a son of John P. and Jane (Finley) Woods, and a grandson of Rev. Samuel Woods, was born in Union Township May 28, 1837; his grandfather, Rev. Samuel Woods, came to the West in 1807, and settled on the banks of the Big Darby, where he purchased 400 acres of land, which he cleared and on which he died. John P. Woods raised a family of five children, and selected a house near the old homestead, where he died March 6, 1851. His estimable wife who survives, is in the seventy-second year of her age. They were life-long members of the Presbyterian Church, and were highly respected. The subject of this sketch enlisted in 1861, in Company D, Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as Sergeant in the three-years call, and participated in the battles of Mill Creek, Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain, where he was placed on detailed service, and served to the close of his term. He was married in 1867, to Miss Bell, daughter of Henry Martin, a pioneer of Darby Township. This union has been blest with three children, two of whom are living, viz.: Nellie and Carrie. Mr. Woods settled in 1874 on his present farm of 104 acres, which is among the most valuable and productive farms of the county.

GEORGE WOLF, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born near Strasburg, Germany, in 1810, and in 1837 embarked to the United States and landed at New York. He was a cooper by trade, and learned his trade in his native county. He located at Albany, N. Y., working at his trade one year, when he moved to Amsterdam, N. Y., and followed his trade in that State six or seven years. In 1845, he came to this county and worked at his trade in various places. He purchased fifty acres of his present farm in 1847, the year of his marriage, and settled on the same the following year. His wife's maiden name was Barbara Dellinger, a daughter of Leonard Dellinger. This union has been blest with three children, two of whom are living. The oldest, Conrad, married Amy MacKanada, in 1876, and has three children living—Anna, George J. and Lena. Mr. W. has made subsequent purchases, until his farm reached 266 acres; sixty-six acres of this land he disposed of to his oldest son, who resides with him. He and his family are connected with the Lutheran Church, and he numbers among the enterprising farmers of the county.

WILLIAM H. WOLFORD, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center. The Wolford family are among the distinguished and respected pioneers of Union County, the history of whom is found in this work. The subject of this sketch was born in Marysville, Union County, Ohio, January 3, 1835, and is a son of Adam and Catharine Wolford. He is a cabinet-maker by profession, which he followed until he occupied his present estate in 1864, consisting of 164 acres, at this time valued at $50 per acre. His marriage to Miss Fidelia Lombard, a native of Windsor County, Vt., occurred in 1860. One child, Albertie, is the only living issue of this union. The family are among the oldest and esteemed connections of the county.

E. YOUNG, farmer, P. O. Unionville Center, was born in Logan County, Ohio, in 1834, and is a son of Alexander and Margaret Young. He was a native of Kentucky, and died in Illinois when our subject was ten years old. The subject of this sketch enlisted in August, 1861, in Company K, First Ohio Cavalry, in which he served seventeen months, and was taken prisoner October 1, 1863; he was confined in the prisons at Richmond and Danville, Va., Andersonville, Ga., Charlotte and Florence, S. C. He has the original document—parole of honor signed by J. C. Iverson, Commandant, at the Florence prison—dated December 24, 1864. In 1866, he was married to Harriet L., daughter of John and Fanny Holycross, who has borne him five children, four of whom are living, viz.: Lillie M., Mattie B., Sidney G. and Hadley C. Mr. Y. owns a farm of eighty-five acres. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and politically is a Republican.

CHAPTER IV.

JEROME TOWNSHIP.

JEROME TOWNSHIP occupies the southeastern corner of Union County. It is bounded on the east by Delaware and Franklin Counties, on the south by Franklin and Madison; Darby Township bounds it on the west, and Mill Creek on the north.

Big Darby Creek, its principal stream, crosses the southwest corner. Sugar Run flows southward through the central portion, and farther east several small streams take their origin and flow into Delaware and Franklin Counties. The surface is level, or slightly rolling. The valley of Big Darby is narrow, and the soil of it is a rich, black loam. Back of this a ridge of land rises, having a width of perhaps one-half mile, the soil of which is somewhat gravelly. A fertile black soil is found beyond this, covering much of the southern portion of the township. Farther to the north, clay predominates. In early times, the entire surface was densely forested, and much timber that would now possess great value, including black walnut and cherry, was felled and burned in large heaps, to make way for crops of corn and grass. Hickory, oak, walnut, elm, beech and swamp ash were the prevalent types of timber.

The township was organized March 12, 1821. As originally constituted, its bounds were as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Darby Township, thence east to the east line of Union County; all south to be known by the name of Jerome.

The first election was held May 10, 1821, for the selection of a Justice of the Peace. Clark Provin received the entire fifteen votes cast. James Ewing, who was then Sheriff of the county, Frederick Sager and Simeon Hager were the Judges of this election. John Taylor and John McCune were the Clerks.

A few traces of the pre-historic race still remain, but they are becoming fainter every year. In the valley of Big Darby are two small mounds, both of which are sepulchral. One of them is on Zachariah Noteman's farm, north of his residence. It is about thirty feet in diameter, and by repeated plowings has been greatly reduced in height. A few years ago, it was excavated. Two kinds of earth were observed, and ashes and charcoal were found. Six or seven human skeletons were exhumed, one of which was of remarkable size. The other mound is farther up the stream, north of it, on the old Ewing farm, situated probably twenty rods from the creek. It, too, was excavated some time since, and human bones were discovered.

Human skeletons have been found in many of the gravel beds that abound along the streams of the township. They are supposed to have been the remains of the Indians who frequented the country. It was not uncommon for the earliest pioneers to find silver brooches. They were of various sizes, either round or heart-shaped, and had evidently been worn by the Indians. Some were several inches in diameter, and handsomely wrought, but they have all been carried away by the curiosity seeker. Flints, stone weapons and the badges of the Mound-Builders, have frequently been found in some localities. The collection of Mr. John Curry is, perhaps, the largest in the county.

When the first settlers invaded the wild precincts of Jerome, they came to the heart of a favorite Indian hunting ground. On the north, south, east and west were yet to be seen the rude wigwams of the dusky race that theretofore had held undisputed possession of this game-abounding country. Their numbers, for many years, greatly exceeded that of the whites, and their presence was at least novel to the settlers, if not dread-inspiring. Many of the young children of the first comers could not conquer a shrinking horror in their sight, for the Indian name was to them, by oft-repeated tales, too intimately associated with dreadful massacres to permit them to overcome their fear of them. The Indians, observing this, would delight in brandishing their knives and frightening the boys and girls, who would always run in terror from them. The principal haunt of the red men, before they were disturbed by the pioneers, was on the banks of Big Darby, just northwest from Plain City. They dwelt here in considerable numbers about the year 1800, in wigwams built of bark and covered with brush. Their chief subsistence was game, although the squaws cultivated small patches of corn. This latter commodity, however, when desired by the Indians, after the advent of the pioneers, was usually obtained by begging, or in exchange for products of the chase. On the old Kent farm, on Sugar Run, was a sugar camp, where the Indians for many years engaged in the manufacture of delicious glucose for their own consumption. They hacked the trees with their tomahawks and inserted split spiles, caught the flowing sap in hewed out troughs and boiled it down in kettles of iron or copper. On the Abner Chapman place, in Survey 5,166, was a usual place for encampment of the Indians. Parties from Chillicothe were wont to meet them here, and barter for large quantities of raccoon skins and furs.

Not many years after the Ewings arrived, and before the war of 1812 commenced, "Bill" Taylor, the son of Isaac Taylor, who settled on Darby, near the northern limits of Madison County rushed to his father's cabin one day, and, with a frightened look, related that he had overheard an Indian conversation near the creek, in which it was said that the Indians were to fall upon the white settlers that night and exterminate them, if possible. The news, as it was conveyed from cabin to cabin, created the utmost consternation. Only a few families had yet settled on Darby, and the Indians greatly outnumbered them. It was agreed that all the settlers should congregate that night, with their families, at the cabin of Daniel Taylor, on the south bank of Darby, in Jerome Township, as his cabin was the largest and best adapted to repel invasion. As nightfall approached, the Ewings, Careys, Taylors and other families hurried to the rendezvous, and preparations for defense were made. The doors were barred, and cleats nailed at the sides and top. All night long the men watched and waited, guns in hand. The house was crowded with women and children, but fear drove sleep from their aching eyes. Morning came, but the threatened attack was not made. Thinking that the Indians had feared to attack the improvised fort, so strongly guaded, the settlers dared not remain at home the following night, but again assembled, and spent the weary hours in dreadful suspense and anticipation of attack, but all was quiet, and nowhere were there any indications of Indians in the vicinity. Doubts of the correctness of the rumor then began to be entertained, and Bill Taylor was closely interrogated concerning the alleged conversation he had overheard. The cross examination was too rigid for him, and he finally confessed it was all a hoax. He had seen no Indians. The more than ordinary depravity of his composition had suggested to him the story.

Amicable relations were generally maintained with the Indians, who seldom gave cause for difficulties. These, however, would occasionally occur. Daniel Taylor, who was one of the foremost pioneers, brought with him a mare and colt. A party of Indians were once visiting at his house, and one of them espied and greatly admired the mare; he wished to buy her, but Taylor was unwilling to make the sale, as it would break his team, and another horse could not be procured nearer than Chillicothe. Jonathan Alder, who was present, and observed the Indian's eagerness, advised Mr. Taylor to sell "the critter," but this he would not consent to do. Not many days later the horse was stolen and never recovered, and the trip to Chillicothe Mr. Taylor was obliged to make.

James Ewing brought the first sheep to this county. He kept them confined within a high inclosure, through fear of the wolves. Several Indians, who had been hunting, called at his cabin soon after. Their dogs jumped over the fence and attacked the sheep. Mr. Ewing, in his anger, seized his rifle and shot one of the dogs. This act enraged the Indians, and a breach of the friendship between them and Mr. Ewing was imminent. Jonathan Alder was present, and interposed. His efforts at peace-making at length restored good feeling.

During the war of 1812, there were several rumors of threatened Indian descents on the Darby settlements, but all proved unfounded. At " the falls" of Sugar Run, two Indian hunting parties, during the hostilities, were to meet by agreement. One of them arrived, and after waiting for the other some time, a member of the party discovered, cut in the bark of a beech tree, the picture of a horse, a gun and a symbol indicating direction. The interpretation of this, to the Indian mind, was that the other party had stolen a horse and were pursued, the direction they had gone being indicated. They waited no longer, but at once took sudden departure.

Indians were not the only objects of apprehension to the pioneers. Panthers and other wild and dangerous animals frequented the forests, and the only safeguard against them was a trusty rifle. Samuel Taylor, the son of Daniel Taylor, was coming home one evening, down the Darby from the Mitchell settlement, on horseback, when he saw a coon run up a tree. He climbed the tree and dispatched the coon with a club, then mounted his horse with his game and again proceeded homeward. His horse was very restive, and to ascertain the cause the boy looked around. He saw a large panther, which sprang out into the path behind him just as he started. The boy lost no time in reaching his father's cabin, for the panther kept even pace behind him all the way. Mrs Elizabeth Ewing, the wife of Joshua Ewing, one day visited Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, who lived below Amity. On her return she carried in her arms the infant daughter of Mrs. Taylor, of which she was very fond, intending to return with it the next day. After going some distance, she was startled to see a large panther crouching in the path, a short distance ahead of her. She was greatly frightened, and stopped, but looked the animal steadily in the eyes for a few minutes. It then arose and entered the bushes on one side. She proceeded, and reached home in safety. Though often encountered in this way, it is not known that any one was attacked by these wild denizens of the wilderness.

It was only a short time after the first settlers came that the woods were filled with wild hogs. Most of the early settlers brought a few hogs with them, and as the mast of the forest was amply sufficient for their sustenance, they were allowed to run at large. Each settler branded his hogs with a private ear mark, and could thus identify his own property. Many of these swine were lost; they multiplied rapidly, and a breed of wild, vicious hogs was the result. They would attack dogs, and sometimes men, when the branches of a tree would be the only retreat.

For many years it was customary for the settlers to allow their hogs to run at large during the fall, and when winter approached it was often extremely difficult to get them back within inclosures. Good hog-drivers were in great demand, and received high wages. The unruly animals were usually driven in large droves by men on horseback, assisted by dogs, into an inclosed field, where they were assorted and their ownership determined by the ear marks. Sometimes wide circuits, miles in extent, must be made before they could be secured. Those belonging to widows were always brought in free by the neighbors.

Wolves were plenty at first, but the bounty of $4 a scalp paid by the county made them much sought after by hunters, and the forests were cleared of them before other large game disappeared.

Near the present residence of John Curry, on Sugar Run, Survey 5,132, was a "deer lick," where in early times many deer were killed. The spring is sulphury, and at night the deer would frequent the place. A chair was fastened in the branches of a tree, which commanded a view of the path leading to the spring, and in this chair the hunter would sit and await the approach of his game. Although it was so dark that he could scarcely discern the outlines of the deer, he rarely failed in bringing it down. Cattle and horses still drink the water of this spring with great avidity. In its vicinity Mr. Curry has found almost an innumerable number of flint arrows and stone axes. indicating that the red men, too, were wont to hunt on this spot.

JONATHAN ALDER.

In a previous chapter of this volume are given the outlines of the life of Jonathan Alder, whose history is closely linked with each of the two races of pioneer times. When he was captured by the Indians, he believed his life was spared because his hair was dark, and because he smiled at the savage who had raised his tomahawk to kill him. He saw his little bright-haired brother slain and believed all the family except himself had been killed. He lived within the bounds of Jerome Township at the time he abandoned his Indian life and returned to his home. With other Indian braves, he dwelt on the west banks of Big Darby just above Plain City. His cabin stood on the high bank above the grist mill, and only a few rods from the present residence of George Atkins. When he came to this place is unknown, but he was living there with his squaw wife when the first settlers arrived. Until 1795, when the Indian treaty restored peace, he was engaged with his Indian comrades in various depredations and hostile excursions and it was probably very soon after this that he settled on Darby. As the pioneers arrived, he mingled with them and relearned the English language, which he had almost forgotten. His squaw cultivated a little patch of corn in the bottoms and Jonathan dealt to some extent in stock. The land he occupied belonged to the tract Daniel Taylor had purchased, and, when the latter arrived about 1803, Jonathan kindly surrendered to him the cabin he had built and occupied, and with his squaw built and removed to a bark hut close by. His association with white men created a strong desire to follow their habits and abandon his Indian life. His squaw still clung to Indian ways and their diverging tastes became more and more marked. Jonathan no longer went with his Indian brethren on their "big hunts." From a settler, he received the information that his mother was still living, and he resolved to return to her. Richard Taylor made him a suit of clothes which he donned in place of his Indian garments. He told his squaw his intention and they divided their effects. The wild life he had led had not wholly obliterated the instincts to accumulate, for he had saved a few hundred silver dollars, and had besides a number of ponies. The former he gave his wife after some parleying and also equally divided the latter with her. He bade her adieu; she went northward to her own people and he turned his face toward Virginia, the State of his birth and boyhood. This was in 1805, and his departure terminated his connection with Jerome Township. He found his relatives in Virginia, there married Mary Blont and returned with her to Ohio, settling in Madison County. By this marriage he had twelve children. He lived, died and was buried in Madison County. His tombstone bears this inscription: "Jonathan Alder, born September 17, 1773. Taken by the Indians 1781. Returned to his mother in 1805. Died January 30, 1849, aged about 76 years."

His squaw wife had separated from him unwillingly, for in spite of his proclivities for the fashions of the pale face, she was deeply attached to him. It is said she had threatened to kill his wife should he ever marry again, and that he feared her on this account. For some time after his return, he would not permit his wife to remain alone in their cabin. When he went to the fields to work, she must accompany him. On their return one day from a trading expedition to a neighboring town, they found the tin ware bent and cut, the iron ware broken in pieces by an ax and Mrs. Alder's dresses slashed and cut in shreds. Though the squaw was not seen, the mischief was attributed to her hands. Mr. Alder's long life with the red men had bred in him Indian traits and manners, which clung to him through life. Though he possessed good business talent, he disliked hard work, and confined his farm labors principally to stock-raising. He was dark hued and bore some resemblance to the Indian race. He was a large, tall man and could move about almost noiselessly. While living in Jerome Township, he was the friend of the white men, and whenever occasion offered acted as peacemaker between them and the Indians Mr. Adler related the following hunting incident, which occurred while camping on Darby, in Jerome Township: "One day about noon I saw a large bear in the top of a big, white oak tree, picking off and eating acorns. I sat down on the ground about 100 yards off to watch its motions. I did not wish to kill it, as bears were not yet fat, and fur was not yet good, or rather not of full growth. I sat there amusing myself with its motions for some time. It was really funny to see it get about in the very top branches, while the whole tree shook with its enormous weight at every motion. All at once it ceased to gather in the branches and slid down and commenced picking the acorns that had fallen to the ground. In a few moments, without the least warning, it started in the direction I was, as rapidly as it could pace. I had my gun resting in my lap and saw it would run right over me. I had no time to get up and get out of its way, so I raised my gun and fired as soon as possible, when it was within a few yards of me. I shot it through the brain and it fell right across my lap. I was badly scared, for I did not know that I had killed it. I kicked and struggled to get from beneath it, but it was so heavy that it took some time before I could get out. I had shot it so dead that it never kicked, but laid like a log upon me, all of which, had I not been so frightened, I might have observed. When I finally got out, I was so much exhausted from the fright and effort I could hardly stand."

EARLY SETTLEMENTS.

To Joshua and James Ewing, two brothers, belong the honor of making the first settlement in what is now Union County and in Jerome Township. Accounts all agree that they settled permanently on Big Darby in the year 1798, but it is also said that two or three years prior to this date, these two young men, then both unmarried, had been West, probably in the Indian service, and having determined on settling in this wild and unoccupied country, cast their eyes about for a favorable location. They traveled with one horse and a small, two-wheeled cart, cutting their way through the tangled brushwood and sleeping in a tent, which they carried with them. They encamped on a spot in southeastern Jerome, which afterward became the James Ewing homestead, there cleared a small patch of ground and planted it in corn, chopping holes in the ground with an ax and then covering the hill with the fork of a stick. Peace with the Indians had just been declared, and the smoke of war had scarcely yet risen from the land. Surrounded on all sides by the Indians, who had scarcely yet washed the war-paint from their faces, the youthful adventurers felt the solitude and dangers of their position, and without waiting for their little patch of corn to ripen, they packed their few goods and turned their faces eastward, concluding to wait several years before returning. The two boys were the sons of Mascol Ewing, whose home was in New Jersey. They were cousins to Gen. Thomas Ewing, formerly of Lancaster, Ohio. They possessed great force of character, and in point of intelligence and education, they ranked among the highest class of pioneers.

In 1798, when they made the permanent settlement, each brought his household effects by team the entire distance from New Jersey. Joshua, the elder, had recently married Margaret Scott, and he brought his young wife with him. James was accompanied by his aged mother, Cynthia, and his two sisters, Betsy and Mrs. Eunice Donaldson. The latter was a widow, and her only child, Ewing Donaldson, came with her. Joshua purchased a lot in the newly platted town of North Liberty, in Darby Township, and there erected his cabin. Both families lived here for a short time, but the town did not improve any and very soon after the Ewings both settled in Jerome Township, near its southwest corner on the south side of Big Darby. Of this early family no descendants are now left in Union County.

Joshua Ewing was a surveyor and in addition to his labors on the farm he devoted considerable time to this occupation. He made a great many of the early surveys in Madison and Union Counties. He was the first Auditor of Union County and it is thought died while serving his first term. His death occurred about 1822, it is supposed from the fatal fever which swept over Darby Plains in that year. His children were Eliza, born in May, 1800, who removed to Adair County, Iowa, and died there, unmarried, August 28, 1881; George, who emigrated to near Attica, Ind., and died there; Polly, married to David Chapman, and removed to Adair County, Iowa, where both died; Joshua Green, who died in Jerome Township, leaving seven children, all of whom went to Iowa; Cynthia, who died unmarried on the home farm; Harriet, who married William Allen and died a few years since in Plain City; Martha, Peggy and William Scott, all of whom died in Jerome Township.

James Ewing, was one of the best and foremost citizens of Union County during the first thirty years of its existence. His old homestead in Jerome was in Survey 12,125, where he lived to the time of his death. He was elected and served as the first Sheriff of Union County. In religious belief, he was a Presbyterian and a firm member, and for many years a Ruling Elder of Lower Liberty Church. In politics, he was an unflinching Whig. In 1810, Mr. Ewing purchased a stock of goods at Chillicothe, brought them to his farm and opened a country store, thereby becoming the first merchant in what is now Union County. Through his efforts, a post office was secured and he was appointed the first Postmaster. He operated the store for about ten years, and then withdrew for a time from mercantile business. In 1833, he erected a large frame store room adjoining his dwelling, and filled it with an extensive stock of goods. He continued in business this latter time only two years. In 1835, his younger son, David, to whom he was deeply attached, met with an untimely death just as he was entering upon a life of brilliant promise, and under his sense of loss Mr. Ewing retired permanently from business. He had been the possessor of some means when he came to Ohio, and by his stern, honorable business qualities he accumulated considerable property. He was one of the first trustees of the Franklin County Bank. He was scrupulously honest in all his dealings, and his word passed current for almost any amount. Small currency was very scarce, and in order to meet the demand for this kind of money and facilitate trade, he issued what was termed in those days "shin plasters," payable on demand. They were considered by the people as good as coin and were never dishonored by their maker. James Ewing possessed strong convictions and was always true to them. He lived in his little log-cabin till the day of his death, which occurred August 26, 1850. It was too closely associated with his earliest struggles, when the country was wild and unoccupied, to be forsaken for the more modern spacious frame that stood by its side. He was married about 1807 to Elizabeth, daughter of Calvin Cary, of Madison County. Their children were several daughters who died young, and two sons, Thomas M. and David C. The latter was an intelligent, promising young man, who graduated at South Hanover College, Indiana, in 1835, and was just entering upon the study of law, when he fell a victim of typhoid fever. Thomas M. was a well-known resident of Jerome.

Elizabeth, the sister of James Ewing, married David Cary during the war of 1812. He died six months later in camp at Franklinton. She afterward married a widower, Andrew Gill, and had two children, Mason and Susan, both of whom married and died in Darby Township. Mrs. Eunice Donaldson, soon after emigrating here, returned East. Her son, Ewing remained with his uncle, James Ewing; became a farmer and died a few years since near the Scioto River, not far from Dublin, leaving a large family.

The Taylors were among the foremost pioneers of Big Darby in Jerome Township. There were five brothers by this name, Richard, Daniel, Isaac William and John, all of whom settled on the Creek in close proximity to each other, but the last three in Madison County. They came in 1800 or 1802. They were Virginians, who had settled in Kentucky, but not liking the country there emigrated to Ohio.

Richard Taylor was born in Virginia, learned the tailors trade in that State and removed to Kentucky. He there married Mary Murray, near Cynthiana, and followed farming and tailoring until he came with his family to Darby Creek about 1802. He purchased and settled on the land in Survey 5,238, located on the west banks of Big Darby, about one-half mile north of Plain City, and now known as the Jones farm. Only a few families were then living on the creek. His nearest neighbor was Jonathan Alder, who lived in a little cabin a little farther down the stream. Mr. Taylor's family was troubled with ague, owing to the low, wet lands in the vicinity, and in a few years he disposed of his place and returned to near Cynthiana, Ky. He there bought land, but in a few years the validity of his title was questioned, and under the fear that it might prove defective, hearing encouraging reports from his friends in Ohio, he abandoned his land and returned to Darby. He purchased a farm situated immediately east of the site of Plain City, and located partly in Union and partly in Madison County. His cabin, however, was built in Madison, and he lived there to the day of his death. He was a Whig, and a member of the Christian and New Light Church. Of his six children, two died young. Two sons, William and Jeptha, live in Jerome Township. The former has occupied his present farm since 1831. Of the two daughters, Susanna, the elder, is deceased; Nancy, who was born in Union County in 1803, married Samuel Mason, and now lives in Madison County.

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Daniel Taylor was born in Virginia March 13, 1774; came to Jerome Township about 1802, and died February 29, 1852. He married Miss Mary Brown in Virginia, and had eleven children, three of whom died young. Samuel, Rhoda (Hager), Mary (Knapp), and Moses died in Madison County; Jane was the wife of Moses Mitchell, of Darby Township, and John was a farmer of Jerome; Sarah, wife of John Norton, and Levi still live at Plain City. Mr. Taylor had lived in Kentucky before coming here. He settled on thirty-two acres in Survey 5,128, just north of Plain City and west of the creek, but in a few years bought 150 acres across Big Darby, off the southern part of Survey 3,686, and lived there till his death. He was a Democrat through life and a zealous member of the Baptist Church, of which he was for many years a Deacon.

John Taylor, a young unmarried man, accompanied his brother, Richard, to Darby when he first removed here from Kentucky and made his home with him in Jerome Township for several years. He married Mrs. Elizabeth McCullough, the widow of Samuel McCullough, Sr., and settled in Madison County.

Another of the earliest settlers on Big Darby in Jerome was Andrew Noteman. No record has been kept of the date of his settlement and the time cannot be definitely determined. The date of his deed is 1802, and it was probably about that year or soon after that he arrived. He was born June 1, 1773, near Harper's Ferry, Md. When he first came to Ohio, he located in Ross County, and remained there till he purchased from John Taylor and settled on the 100 acre farm where his son Zachariah now lives, about a half-mile north of Plain City. The farm was then in its native wildness, with no clearing upon it. Mr. Noteman built his cabin on the site of his son's present residence, and lived there, clearing and cultivating his land till, his death at a venerable age. He had been twice married. His first wife died before his emigration to Jerome, leaving one child, Jinsey, who accompanied her father here, and afterward married John Taylor, of Madison County. Mr. Noteman's second wife was Mrs. Elizabeth (Brown) McCune, whom he married near Chillicothe. She was a widow, and John, William, Jane and Susan McCune, her children by her first marriage, came with them to their frontier habitation. By this second marriage there were two children, both born in Jerome Township—Polly (who afterward became the wife of Otway Curry), in 1807, and Zachariah, now in possession of the old homestead, in 1811. Mr. Noteman was a prominent and earnest Methodist and a Whig. He was a farmer, judicious, economical, living within his means, kind, benevolent and interested in the welfare of others."

John McCune married Polly, daughter of Simeon Hager, and settled in Madison County near Plain City. Afterward he removed to a farm in Jerome, on Sugar Run, and lived there till his death. His children were Chauncey, of Illinois, David, John, Mrs. Jane Green and Mrs. Mary Green.

The Sagers were also among the earliest settlers and occupied some of the best land in the township. The larger part of this family settled in Darby Township; but Henry, Frederick and Abraham located in Jerome.

Henry Sager purchased the farm just north of Big Darby, now owned by J. T. McCullough, in Survey 3,686, and settled there shortly after the beginning of this century. His first cabin stood back from the road quite a distance, but it was built before public roads had any existence in his locality, and after the highway was opened he built his second cabin near the present residence of Mr. McCullough. He was a blacksmith, and was occupied with the labors of his trade when not clearing or tilling his land. Mr. Sager was a genial, good-natured citizen. In his day, the customers usually furnished the metals with which to fashion the various implements they desired; and iron then and there was a very valuable and rare article, so much so that it was often pilfered; but whenever any was missing and complaint made to him, Mr. Sager would reply very seriously that he strongly suspected that the rats had eaten it. He was a County Commissioner for many years, and quite a prominent citizen. In religious belief and affiliation, he was a Presbyterian. He had married Lavinia Haynes, and remained a life-long resident of Jerome Township.

Frederick Sager owned a large farm, comprising the land in Survey 3,686, on the east banks of Darby Creek, now the property of T. T. Kilbury and Perry Douglass. His first cabin stood near the present residence of Mr. Kilbury. Mr. Sager had the honor of erecting the first mill in the territory now comprising Union County. He was a generous man, but, like many of the pioneers, rough in manners. He married Hannah Harrison, raised a large family and ultimately removed with it to Kalamazoo County, Mich., where he spent the remainder of his life.

Patrick Conner was the first settler on Sugar Run, coming from Pennsylvania about 1804–05. He owned and occupied a small farm in the lower part of Survey 5,132. He was of Irish descent and a very intelligent man. Like most men of his nationality, he was fond of whisky, and he usually gratified this propensity. He was once a candidate for Justice of the Peace, probably before 1820, and his intemperate habits were urged against his election. Patrick heard of it and at the polls promised if elected that he would thenceforth refrain from the use of liquor. His popularity won for him the election and he kept his promise and made an excellent officer. He followed shoe-making in connection with farming, and afterward removed to Amity, where he died in 1840. His wife, who was Polly Lee, died in 1856, at the home of her grandson, David McClung. Their two children were Jane, who married Reuben Cook, and Margaret who married Joseph McClung.

Joseph McClung came to Sugar Run from Pennsylvania very early, settling on the farm his son David now owns. He was in the war of 1812.

John Kent settled in Survey 5,126, on Sugar Run, in 1806. When he first came, he cleared ten acres on the Mitchell place through mistake, and for his trouble Judge Mitchell permitted him to use the field till he thought he was repaid for the work. He was a well-to-do farmer, always had an abundance of provisions and seed grain on hand, and would invariably help those of his neighbors who needed assistance, whether or not they had money to repay the loans he would make. He was a strong member of the Christian or New Light Church, and occasionally had services at his house. His wife's name was Margaret; they had six children—Daniel, who was born February 25, 1791, married Dillie Shover and resided in Jerome; James, who removed to Delaware County; William, who died in Illinois; Moses, Sallie and Alexander. The last also removed to Illinois and died there.

Henry Shover was a Revolutionary soldier, who emigrated from Virginia at an early date, purchased and settled upon a farm in the northern part of Survey 3,686, above Darby Creek. He was of German descent, and his religious preferences were Lutheran, though he was not a member of any church. He helped to move the Sager family from Virginia, and thus became acquainted with the Darby country, where he soon after settled. He possessed some means, and in his demeanor was quiet and honest. He had three sons and three daughters. The latter became the wives of Christian Sager, George Cary and Samuel Mason. The sons were Adam, Frederick and Simon. Adam removed to Mechanicsburg and there operated a mill. Frederick died a farmer of Franklin County.

Simon Shover was one of the most eccentric and reckless characters that lived in Union County. It is said that he served in the Indian wars and was once captured by the savages and only escaped death by jumping on a log, flapping his arms and crowing like a rooster. This novel antic pleased his captors and made him a favorite. He enlisted early in the war of 1812, was taken prisoner at Gen. Winchester's defeat and paroled. Returning home, he found that most of his acquaintances were in service, and becoming discontented he disregarded his parole, went to the front and re-enlisted. For several years his whereabouts were unknown to his friends, but at the close of the war he returned. He served under Gen. Harrison in the Northwest, and was one of the body of fifty men who made a sortie from a garrison to spike some cannon, in which only nineteen men returned. Simon was a good scholar and an excellent scribe, but too fond of the cup that cheers and inebriates, and when under the potent spell of alcohol his daring recklessness was at its height. On a favorite black horse, he would plunge into Darby and swim across when high waters made the stream utterly unsafe, but from frequent practice the horse had learned to swim like a duck and always carried its rider safely over. He could give the genuine Indian war whoop, and once rode horseback into court and astonished the dignified Judge, the bar and spectators by uttering this savage war-cry at the top of his voice. He was constantly playing all sort of queer tricks, regardless of consequences, but his humor and popularity usually kept him out of trouble. He never married, and ended his days in one of the charitable institutions of Union County.

One of the few Revolutionary officers who settled in Union County was Col. James Curry. He was born near Belfast, Ireland, in 1752, came to America with his father when ten years of age, and located in Augusta County, Va. After a most honorable service as an officer of the army throughout the Revolutionary war, he removed in the year 1797 to Ohio, settling first in Ross County. In 1811, he came with his family to the territory now known as Union County, where he located a large body of land and on which he erected the cabin in which he died. He was a member of the Legislature when the county was organized, and was for many years after one of the Judges of its courts. For a detailed history of the life of this eminent man the reader is referred to the biographical sketches following. The following are brief notices of his children:

James A. Curry was born in Virginia March 30, 1787, and remained with his father's family until his marriage to Phœbe Winget, daughter of Stephen Winget, of Madison County, in March, 1817. In politics, he was a Democrat. He devoted himself to agricultural life and died on his farm March 1, 1874, aged eighty-seven years. A full sketch of him appears elsewhere.

Harriet C. Curry was born June 7, 1791. She married James Buck and they resided in the northeast portion of the Curry Survey. Mrs. Buck died August 10, 1845. Their four children were Caroline, Perry, Mrs. Maria Fleck and Mrs. Martha Shaffer. Only the first now survives. James Buck came from Highland County about 1812. He was a well-informed farmer and served Jerome Township for some years as Justice of the Peace. He was a Democrat, a Presbyterian and died at about the age of fifty, of consumption.

Stephenson Curry was born December 3, 1801, and was a life-long farmer of Jerome Township. He married Sarah D. Robinson, daughter of James Robinson, of Darby, and had eight children. He took little part in public affairs, preferring the quiet of books and domestic life. His death occurred April 2, 1861. A full sketch of him appears elsewhere in this work.

Otway Curry was born March 26, 1804, and married Miss Mary, daughter of Andrew Noteman; he resided for a time on the Jones farm on Big Darby, in Jerome, then removed to Marysville. A full sketch of him appears elsewhere in this volume.

Louisa Curry was born July 24, 1807, married Nelson Cone and is still living in this township; nine children have been born to them, of whom six survive—James, Stephenson B., Daniel R., Albert H., Thomas N. and Louisa.

Robert Burns Curry, the youngest of this family, was born June 3, 1811. He remained a farmer of Jerome until 1854, when he emigrated with his family to Iowa. Subsequently he removed to Missouri and is now living in Norton County, Kan. He married Sarah Beard, and their children are James D., William G., Jane, Ann, Harriet, Sarah, Albert and Ella.

Samuel McCullough was a son of Samuel McCullough, Sr., who died in Darby Township in 1800. He lived with his mother, who married John Taylor, in Madison County, till he arrived at the age of maturity. He then purchased a small farm in the southwestern part of Jerome, where his son, John T., now resides, and there engaged in farming. He was industrious and constantly extended the limits of his property. He took pride in making his home pleasant and attractive, and died in a large and handsome residence, which he had erected a few years ago.

George Hensel, of German descent, came with his parents when a boy from near Parkersburg, Penn., to Fairfield County. In 1818, he moved to Delaware County and the same year bought a large quantity of land in Jerome Township and Delaware County. In 1819, he removed to Jerome, near Frankfort, and with his sons cleared up much land in this vicinity. By trade, he was a brick-layer and stone mason. He died in 1847. He was twice married; by his first marriage he had three children, by his second, six.

Survey 5,132, of 600 acres, on Sugar Run, in the south-central portion of the township, was purchased at an early date by Judge David Mitchell, of Darby Township, divided into three portions, upon each of which one of his sons located. George Mitchell came first, probably as early as 1814. He married Margaret Boles and had three children—David, James F. and Martha E., who married Dixon Robinson. Mr. Mitchell died of pneumonia, soon after his settlement in Jerome.

David Mitchell, Jr., his brother, settled on the adjoining tract about 1816. Years afterward, he removed to Darby Plains and engaged extensively in stock-raising. He then removed to Columbus and operated in the cattle market till his fortune deserted him. He moved to St. Louis, Mo., but afterward returned to Ohio and spent the remainder of his life with one of his children at Hilliard. His children were David A. (deceased), Joseph H., of California; Zenus M., in the West; Belinda (Cushman), of California; Hasson Shaw, of St. Louis; Dixon A., of California; Samantha, Maria L. (Welch) and Delmore.

The third son of Judge Mitchell, who occupied land in this survey, was Jesse Mitchell. He was the first white child born in what is now Union County. The date of his birth was November 4, 1799, a few weeks after his parents had settled in Darby Township. Jesse remained with his parents until his marriage, in December, 1823, to Elizabeth Robinson, daughter of Rev. James Robinson, then of Union Township. He at once settled with his young wife on his farm on Sugar Run. The farm was at this time still in its native wildness, except three acres, which had been cleared years before by John Kent under a mistake as to its location. In 1823, there were no neighbors eastward nearer than five or six miles. Mr. Mitchell remained on the farm an industrious, energetic farmer until his death, May 13, 1881. In his lifetime he amassed considerable property. He had nine children—Maria, who married A. H. McCampbell; Martha E., who died unmarried; Lucinda, wife of Rev. Levi Hall, a Methodist Episcopal minister, now of Minneapolis; James, on the home place; Amanda, widow of Thomas J. Haynes, of Plain City; David, who died young; George W., who died in service at the St.

Louis hospital; Electa, died in infancy; and Hester, widow of Z. H. McCullough, at Central College, Franklin County. Mrs. Mitchell still survives and resides with her daughter Amanda in Plain City.

On what is now the J. W. Mitchell place, in Survey 5,133, on Sugar Run, William Bethard settled probably as early as 1820. He afterward removed with his family. His son Josiah, soon after his marriage, settled in Franklin County.

Samuel Colter sojourned for a few years on Sugar Run, his arrival dating about the year 1825.

Moses Green owned a small place on Sugar Run, taking possession about 1820. He died in this township.

William Long was a very early settler on Survey 5,126. He removed with a large family to Indiana and died there.

John Stickle, whose mother had married William Bethard, settled on Sugar Run, where he farmed. He was a Presbyterian.

Philip Hawn settled on Survey 3,750, of 100 acres, in the western part of the township in 1819, and remained there till his death. His wife, Mrs. Mary Hawn, claimed to have been the first white female child born at Cincinnati, where her birth occurred March 5, 1791. Her father was Jacob Linsicome, who came down the Ohio from Pennsylvania in the fall of 1790 and stayed during the ensuing winter with his family within what are now the limits of Cincinnati. Soon after the birth of Mary, he purchased land in Turkey Bottom and removed his family there. He died of small-pox within three years after, and his widow subsequently became the wife of Samuel Edwards. After a short time they moved to a place on the stream called Sycamore, and in 1821 to the Pickaway plains, settling three miles from Circleville. Here Mary married Philip Hawn, and having exchanged her share of her father's land in Hamilton County for the 100 acres in Jerome, removed to it with her husband in 1819. She survived her husband some years and died at the residence of her son Joseph Hawn near Unionville Center, June 21, 1861.

There were a few squatters here in early times and many renters, who usually remained only a short time. A complete record of them would be impossible, even if desirable. James Stillwill was a renter for a time on the Sager farm. He taught one term of school.. Isaac Mason also lived on the Sager place. He was the first potter in Jerome, and followed his trade here. George Casey was another early settler, who owned no realty.

Simeon Hager and Abner Chapman were pioneers. They married sisters —Polly and Relief Baldwin. Mr. Chapman first settled on the John Gray farm about a mile northwest of Plain City, and afterward removed to Darby Township, where he died. Mr. Hager was a renter and lived on the Chapman place; then Mr. Noteman's farm and elsewhere, and finally bought a little place just across the line in Madison, where he died.

Samuel P. Morrison, about 1820, came from York County, Penn. He rented at various places in Jerome, then bought a small place about three miles south of Marysville, where he died of "milk sickness." His five children were Ann, wife of Zachariah Noteman; Nancy, wife of Samuel Snodgrass; William, now of Hancock County, Ill.; John and Alexander.

Aaron Tossey was a reckless but sharp and jolly man, a chum of Simon Shover. Thomas Marshall, Thomas Gray and Martin DeWitt were early renters. Moses Harrison was a Virginian. He rented land from Frederick Sager; then removed with his family to Indiana. Alexander Brown, an old bachelor from Kentucky, lived in various localities in Jerome and died here. William Cummings was a renter on the Curry farm. Jeptha Peasley moved about much. He was an intelligent and well-liked citizen and taught school repeatedly. He ultimately removed to parts unknown. Henry and William Wilson, two brothers, came about 1830 and settled in the northwest part of the township.

Simeon Rickard, a native of Virginia, in 1828 emigrated to Darby Township, and a year later to southwestern Jerome, on the farm his son George M. Richard, now owns. He was a soldier in the war of 1812; married Mary S. Sanbower in 1813, and died in Jerome January 5, 1844.

Landen Bishop emigrated from Virginia to Franklin County, Ohio, in 1824, and three years later came to Jerome Township. He was twice married and had six children by his first, and seven children by his second marriage. He was a farmer and stock-raiser and died February 22, 1860.

All the above settlers located in Jerome Township prior to 1830. There are many other prominent families who settled in Jerome Township at an early day, among whom are Nelson Cone, the Beards, McCampbells, Liggetts, Gills, Flecks, Biggers, Roneys, Dodges, McKitricks, Woodburns, Foxes, Hills, Ketches and Dorths.

MILLING.

Various expedients and devices were employed by the first pioneers to procure meal. At first they were driven to the necessity of grinding their corn by hand with a pestle and mortar, after the Indian fashion; but at best this method would produce nothing finer than hominy. Tiring of this, the settlers would occasionally make long journeys to distant mills and bring home a precious sack of meal. Frederick Sagar, soon after his advent here, determined to erect a mill. The site selected was a few rods above the bridge on the Plain City & California pike, nearly opposite the residence of Perry Douglas. He built the dam with the assistance of his neighbors and erected the necessary buildings. Dr. Converse says of it: "The great question was how and where he could procure the buhrs necessary to the enterprise. To go to Maine, Vermont or New York, would be both tedious and expensive. It is said that 'necessity is the mother of invention,' and, as this country in many places abounded with bowlders, he started out for a mill stone, finding one to suit on the farm now owned by John Taylor. With rude and clumsy tools, he went to work to split the bowlder open. For many days he labored incessantly with pick and drill on the unyielding rock, until at last it gave way. To dress the flinty rock into shape, required weeks of labor, but finally it was heralded that Frederick Sager's mill was in running order. For many miles around the white settlers brought their grain to the mill, and even the friendly Indians, who were scattered over the country, came also, on the same errand. A few weeks later, the raising of wheat was introduced, which made it necessary for Mr. Sager to attach a flouring bolt in his mill. He procured a proper piece of sea-grass cloth, attached the same to a reel, and, placing it in the flour-chest, was ready to meet the wants of the settlement. For many years the bolting was all done by hand. A few years later, he attached to his water-power a saw mill, supplying the people with boards for their dwelling houses, which, prior to this period were made of split puncheon, smoothed and fitted with an ax. Still a little later, Mr. Sager put in operation a distillery, or still house as they were then called, for the manufacture of whisky. As peaches were almost a natural production of the country at that day, the farmers took their peach crop to his still and had them made into peach brandy. Subsequently the grist mill was purchased by Fannery Heaninway, who came to this country in 1830."

This mill, however, was only what was called a "wet weather" mill. During a dry season, it could be operated only for a short time each morning, when there was a good head of water on. Every fall the settlers were obliged to go to the Mad River mill above Urbana or a mill on Buck Creek in Clark County. Andrew Noteman often took his grain by canoe, which was cut out of a solid log, to Dwyer's mill, about twelve miles below on Big Darby. Moreover, the dam of Sager's mill was made of timber and was continually getting out of repair, the water washing under it. As often as this occurred Mr. Sager called for his neighbors to assist in repairing it, a service they were always glad to render gratuitously, because of the milling privileges thereby afforded them.

SCHOOLS.

Abner Chapman was one of the first school teachers on Darby. He taught the first term in the first schoolhouse built in Jerome. It stood on land he was then occupying, on the west bank of Big Darby just above Plain City. Mr. Chapman was a Yankee and taught a number of schools. He also engaged in surveying. Clark Provin was the next teacher in the first schoolhouse. He was not so strict a disciplinarian as his predecessor, but was regarded a good teacher. John Roberts, who lived on the plains, held a term in 1810–12, in a cabin which stood a few rods below the present residence of George M. Rickard. The pupils who attended here were Susanna, Nancy and William Taylor, Rhoda and Sarah Taylor, Jane and Susan McCune, James Noteman, Charles and Peerie Call and perhaps others.

At New California, in 1852, principally through the efforts of Jesse Gill, a frame one-story schoolhouse was erected. The township donated $50 for the privilege of using it for election purposes. The balance of the building fund was secured by private subscription. Select schools have been held in this building almost every year since, embracing, besides the common branches, the higher mathematics, languages, etc. These schools have been well attended and their impress is shown in the rank the teachers of Jerome have taken in this county. Among the teachers of this school were Llewellyn Curry (winter of 1852–53), Rev. I. N. Laughead, Olive Gill, Isaac Winters, David Cochran, Samuel Graham, Mr. Johnson, Thomas Evans, R. L. Woodburn, George Rhulen, Mr. McCharahan, James Curry, John Stockton, E. L. Liggett, Calvin Robinson, D. H. Cross and J. W. Baughman. The terms are of three months' duration and do not interfere with the public school terms. Many young men who have gone out into the world from Jerome Township attribute their success in life to the superior educational advantages offered by this school.

One of the best district schools in the township is the handsome two-story brick located just north of Plain City. It is about 30x50, and was built in 1879 at a cost of about $2,000. The enumeration of this district exceeds eighty. The present teachers are Misses Lorena Harper and Rosa Page.

VILLAGES.

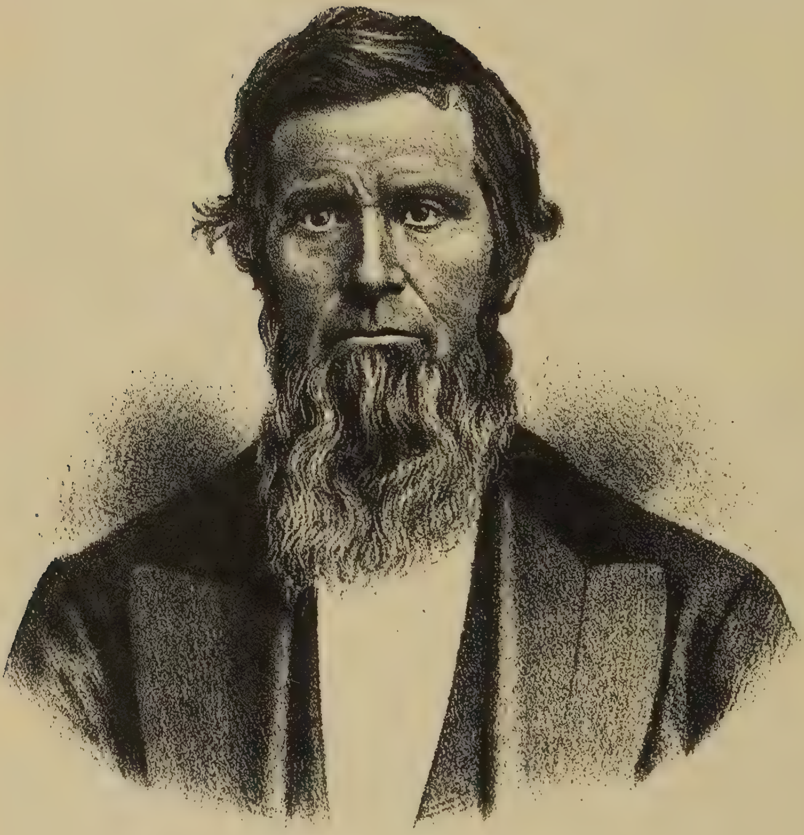
The village of Frankfort, located in the extreme eastern part of Jerome Township, was laid out April 1, 1846, by William B. Irwin, County Surveyor, for Henry Beach. The original plat consisted of forty lots. Main street, sixty feet in width, extended north and south and was crossed at right angles by Town street; also sixty feet wide, and three alleys twelve feet in width. The Beach family was the only family then residing on its site. Amos and Kilburn Beach opened the first store. They also operated an extensive ashery for many years. Samuel Stout and George Bowersmith soon after started a general store, which was continued several years. William H. Case was the early inn-keeper. John Evans, still a resident of the place, built one of the first houses. The village has grown slowly and now has a population of nearly two hundred. It is quite a trading place for the surrounding country, doing a large mercantile business for a village of its size. There are now two general stores in operation, owned by H. B. Seely and Brobeck & Fox. The village also contains two blacksmith shops, one wagon shop, one harness shop and a shoe shop. It supports two churches, the Methodist and the Presbyterian. With the old log Methodist Church was connected a cemetery, which is now under the care of the Township Trustees. The school building is a substantial two-story brick. Two hotels provide for the wants of the traveler—the Preston House and the Frankfort House. The former is under the proprietorship of L. Preston; the latter of S. G. Hyland. Two medical practitioners are located in Frankfort—Drs. T. B. Asbery and John E. Herriott. The former was in practice here formerly, then removed to Columbus. About a year ago he returned to this place. Dr. Herriott, directly after completing his professional course about eight years ago, opened an office here and has practiced continuously since. Former resident physicians of Frankfort have been Drs. Converse, Beverly, Andrews, G. H. Holland and others. The Frankfort Post Office is named Jerome, and Joseph Brobeck has present charge of the mail, which is received tri-weekly by hack from Marysville. Horace Beach was an early Postmaster. Dr. Converse filled the office in 1850. Subsequent incumbents have been Isaac Wells, George Leasure, Hurd Lewis, S. H. Brake, W. O'Harra, John Latham, and Joseph Brobeck, whose commission dates from 1878.

Centrally located in the township is the village of New California. The date of its origin was August 27, 1853, at which time it was platted by William B. Irwin for Samuel B. Woodburn, the proprietor. Mr. Woodburn and Dr. Albert Chapman started the first store. Reuben Cook erected the first house. Drs. Culver and Milo H. Lawrence were about the first resident physicians. Drs. Joseph S. Howland and Robert Merriman are the present dispensers of medicine. The village, though favorably situated, has not thrived. It now contains one store, owned and operated by Horace M. Dort and Jesse G. Curry, the former of whom is Postmaster. It also has a blacksmith shop, a small ashery, a shoe shop, one church and a new school building. Nine or ten families compose the population.

PLAIN CITY.

This village, now comprising a population of one thousand or more originally stood wholly in Madison County, but so close to its northern line that the natural growth of the village has caused it to encroach upon Union County soil. The first official evidence of this is the record of the addition of eight lots made to the village April 23, 1859, by Edward W. Barlow. Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, and fractions of 2, 7 and 8 of this addition are in Union County. Pleasant Valley was then the name of the town. Of Charles Aman's Addition, made July 26, 1875, lots 8, 7 and a fraction of 6 were in Union County, Jerome Township. Within the last few years, Plain City has grown principally northward, and there are now about two hundred of its people within Jerome Township, besides a church, a carriage factory, planing mill, saw mill and grist mill.

About 1868, O. C. and Zachariah McCune set in operation a frame planing mill and continued it until the year 1875, when they erected a large, handsome brick mill and filled it with new machinery at a cost of about $17,000. Its subsequent successive proprietors have been McCune & Wilson, Hensel & Herriott, Hensel & Churchman, E. C. Churchman, Swearinger & Co., and Barlow & Beech. The last-named firm acquired possession in the spring of 1880. Prior to that time, a strictly planing mill business was conducted, including the manufacture of doors, blinds, sash, etc.; the present proprietors have also engaged in the manufacture of furniture.



Michael Sager

O. C. McCune and Clarence Beard, in 1877, started the saw mill, and are still the owners. Except one country mill, it is the only one within a radius of five miles, and does an extensive business. Besides custom work, a large number of logs are purchased, converted into lumber and shipped to various points. This mill was destroyed by fire in January, 1883, at a loss of several thousand dollars. It was immediately rebuilt.

Harrison Harper & Co. have been engaged in the manufacture of wagons and buggies here since 1875. From twenty to twenty-five vehicles are annually manufactured and a general repair trade is maintained.

Dr. W. I. Ballinger and Richard Woodruff built the Plain City flouring mill in 1873. The building is a large brick structure and is constantly operated to its full capacity. It contains four run of buhrs and is the only grist mill in the village. Several years ago, Mr. Woodruff retired from the firm, which has since been Ballinger & Sons.

Prior to 1876, the Plain City Methodist Episcopal Church was in Madison County, but in that year a lot was purchased in Jerome Township and a new brick edifice erected on it at a cost of $4,500. The church was dedicated by Dr. Payne, President of the Ohio Wesleyan University. Rev. Tressenrider was pastor in charge during its erection. His successors have been Rev. Rudesill, who remained three years; Rev. Bradrick, who remained in charge two years, and Rev. J. M. Rife, the present minister. The membership exceeds 100. A flourishing Sabbath school is maintained. This society was organized at the cabin of Andrew Noteman in Jerome, about 1812. Most of the members lived in Madison County and in a few years a block church was built across the line.

The preponderance of religious sentiment in southwestern Jerome, when the first settlements were made, was of the Presbyterian hue. A congregation was organized, which has since been transplanted to Madison County soil in Plain City and still flourishes there. The church records, unfortunately, have been lost and its earliest members have long since gone to their eternal home, and in consequence the details of its earlier history are meager. The exact date of the organization of "Lower Liberty Presbyterian Church," as it was named, is unknown, but the best conjecture obtainable makes it about 1807. About the same time, a similar organization, denominated "Upper Liberty Presbyterian Church," was formed in Union Township, and the two societies were served by the same pastors for many years. Rev. Samuel Woods was the first pastor. He entered into this relation in 1808 and maintained it faithfully until his death, which occurred in 1815. From that date, Revs. William Dickey, Archibald Steele, James Hodge, D. D., Elder Hughes and others supplied the church until 1821, when Rev. James Robinson was installed pastor. He served the church seven years. Rev. Darius C. Allen was stated supply from 1829 to 1831. The year following, Rev. Benjamin Dolbear became the pastor and continued his labors with this charge until about 1838. In 1837, Lower Liberty was rent in twain by the internal dissensions then existing in this denomination. The two factions were nearly equally divided, but a slight majority favored the Old School branch. Rev. Dolbear continued with this division. His successor, Rev. William H. Galbreath, was installed October 7, 1839, serving until April 18, 1848. Rev. Benjamin Evans was the next and last pastor of this branch. In the New School division, Rev. Henry Shedd was the only settled pastor, but Rev. Kuhn and others supplied it.

Among the earliest prominent members of this church were James Ewing, Joshua Ewing, David Mitchell, Jr., David Chapman and John Taylor. The early services were probably held in private houses; then in the schoolhouse, which stood on the lot where the first meeting-house was erected. This primitive church stood on a lot of four acres, donated to the society by Walter Dun, and situated about a mile northwest of Plain City in the forks of the post pike and the road leading northeast to Big Darby. The building was erected as early as 1820, perhaps sooner. It was a large, unfurnished frame structure, weather-boarded but not plastered, roofed but without a chimney. The seats were only slabs, supported by rough sticks. A broad, center aisle extended lengthwise with the building, crossed near the center by another aisle, at each end of which a door was originally designed, but never inserted. The women occupied one side of this room; the men held undisputed possession of the other. The frail texture of this building may be illustrated by an incident, which, however, is not strictly ecclesiastical in its nature. In those days, it was customary for the entire family, including babies and dogs, to attend divine service. One pleasant Sabbath Day, the church was filled to overflowing, it being the day appointed for administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. "Dog buttons" were then just coming into use, and some irreverend, unscrupulous wag scattered a quantity of them among the canines outside. They soon felt the baneful influence and, in a wild pack, frothing at the mouth, ran into the church. The cry "mad dogs" was raised and the tranquil worshiping audience was instantly converted into a panic-stricken crowd, that jumped up on the benches and made every effort to escape the rabid animals which ran howling through the house. One good old lady, of matronly *embonpoint*, the wife of a Ruling Elder, seized an infant in each arm and in her frantic endeavors to avoid one of the approaching, now wild animals, rushed madly against the side of the room. The weather-boarding gave way and she found herself the next instant outside of the pandemonium which reigned within.

This old building could not be heated and was used only during the summer. In cold weather, the schoolhouse on the same lot was brought into requisition, its more limited space proving sufficient to accomodate the few members who attended in that season. In 1836, a large brick structure, 46x52, was reared on the same site. It was constructed by Mr. Gifford, of Union Township. The congregation then numbered about seventy-five. Scarcely had it taken possession of this new home when the troubles arose which produced the division. Of the four Ruling Elders then in office, James Ewing, T. M. Ewing and John Taylor adhered to the Old School, and David Chapman united with the New School branch. While the united congregation was strongly self-supporting, both divisions were too weak to maintain efficient organizations and struggled between life and death for about sixteen years. The Old School division kept possession of the church, but by agreement the other branch had the use of the church each alternate Sabbath. About 1853, both societies disorganized. Four years later, a reconciliation was effected among the members and a new organization entered into, which re-assumed the old name, Lower Liberty. Their church, however, was built and still stands in Plain City, Madison County, and its subsequent history by this change of location has passed from the domain of Jerome Township.

At New California is the church of the Sugar Run United Presbyterian Congregation. About the year 1835, the McCampbells, Beards and Liggetts settled within the limits of what now comprises the territory of this society, and became the nucleus of the organization which was effected a few years later. Until this latter event took place, these families were in connection with the Darby congregation. The McCampbells and Beards, with some other individual members, came originally from Ebenezer and Tunber Ridge congregations of the Associate Church, in Rockbridge County, Va. In 1841, or near the close of 1840, Rev. James Wallace effected an organization at Sugar

Run by ordaining and installing as Ruling Elders William Bigger and David Beard, and enrolling about thirty members. For the first two years, Rev. Robert Forester, of Reynoldsburg, ministered statedly to the people, though not installed pastor. Rev. I. N. Laughead was the first pastor. He was born in Greene County, Ohio; graduated at Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio; studied theology at the Associate Seminary at Cannonsburg, Penn.; was licensed to preach in 1838 and ordained in 1839. He became pastor of this and Darby (Unionville) congregations in April, 1843, and continued in this relation till April, 1864. Of his labors here, he himself says: "In these two congregations, I spent the prime of my life; and although I had my discouragements and trials, yet I suppose I had as much enjoyment and pleasure in the Lord's work here as usually falls to the lot of Christ's ministers. My two main discouragements were the scattered field I occupied, extending from the Scioto River to Little Darby Creek, and the scant support I received. I was necessitated to resort to some other means of support, and could not give my whole time to the ministry. I settled there with the promise of $300 annually, and that was not very promptly paid. It never reached over $400. I taught district and select schools. 'I labored working with my own hands.' I cannot say that I did any great things in those congregations, but this I can say, I did what I could. The Master's glory and the spiritual good of that people were by me sincerely and earnestly sought." One year after the severance of his connection with the congregation, or in April, 1865, Rev. James W. Taylor accepted a call to take charge of this and Darby congregations. He continued with them until November 19, 1867. For several years the church was then without a regular minister. The third pastor was Rev. John Gilmore, installed September 12, 1871, and remaining in charge till April 15, 1874. He was succeeded by Rev. D. M. Gordon, who commenced his labors on the first Sabbath in January, 1875, was regularly installed in October following, and continued till April, 1878, when Rev. Ebenezer E. Cleland, the present pastor, was called.

William Bigger continued to act as Ruling Elder until his removal to Springfield, Ohio, in 1863; David Beard, until his removal to Iowa. The following members have been added to the session from time to time: William Liggett, in 1845; Thomas Robinson and David Mitchell, July 17, 1853; Walter Gowans and William McCrory, February 26, 1857; James Scott and Joseph McCampbell, in 1865; Samuel Carson and Thomas B. Arnold, in 1871–72. The following have served as Deacons: John Liggett, James I. Beard, Thomas Robinson, David Mitchell, Andrew Beard, Andrew McCampbell, J. M. Robinson and James Woodburn.

Early services were held at the house of William McCampbell, Sr., but soon after a hewed-log house of worship, about 25x30 feet, was erected. It was succeeded in 1852 by the present frame church edifice, erected near the site of the old building. It is about 40x50 in size, well finished and furnished. The Sabbath school was organized about 1865, with a membership of perhaps forty. It has been continued ever since, and is at present in a prosperous and flourishing condition, with an attendance of sixty

Jerome Presbyterian Church was organized at Frankfort December 16, 1853, by Rev. William H. Brinkerhoff, with the following membership: Mr. and Mrs. John Fleck, Mrs. Mary Patterson, Mrs. Maria Brinkerhoff, Templeton Liggett, Mrs. Rebecca Liggett, Mrs. Hannah McReary, Mrs. Scofield, Samuel Clark and Mrs. Nancy Clark. Templeton Liggett and John Fleck, the first Ruling Elders, were not installed until December 26, 1857. The first pastor, Rev. W. H. Brinkerhoff, served this charge until 1862. He was born in Adams County, Penn., February 3, 1803; educated at Gettysburg Academy, and at twenty-four began the study for the ministry. He was married October 27, 1835, to Maria Rowan; emigrated to Seneca County, Ohio, and settled on a farm for one year. In 1836, he began his ministerial labors by organizing a church at McCutchinsville and soon after others in neighboring schoolhouses. In 1848, he took charge of the German Reform Church at McCutchinsville, and two years later one of the same denomination at Lancaster. In 1851, he became pastor of the Worthington Presbyterian Church, where he remained till he organized the Jerome Church. He died at Waymouth, Medina County, December 11, 1871. During his ministry, he organized many congregations and assisted in the erection of church buildings with his own manual labor.

At a meeting of the Jerome congregation, held November 2, 1862, it was unanimously agreed to change the ecclesiastical relation of the congregation by becoming a Congregational Church. Soon after this action was taken, Rev. Brinkerhoff severed his connection with the church. A vacancy occurred in the pulpit for some time; then the services of Rev. Hawn, an Old School Presbyterian minister, were secured. In 1866, Rev. C. N. Coulter became pastor of this and Worthington congregations. The former at this time was weak and disorganized, and in order to reconcile denominational differences among the members and make the church acceptable to several Presbyterian families who wished to unite with it, the covenant of the New School Presbyterian Church was adopted, though the connection with the Congregational Church was maintained. Rev. Coulter continued with the congregation until October 27, 1867. Rev. A. N. Hamlin was installed pastor November 24, 1867, and remained five years. Revs. Stevenson and L. T. Mason then supplied the church for several months each, and in 1873 Rev. Hamlin was recalled, serving two years. He was succeeded by Rev. Thomas Hill, who stayed six months. Rev. N. K. Crow was the next pastor, serving several years. A vacancy for some time followed, which was terminated by the installation of the present pastor, Isaac N. Thomas, now serving his second year. The first church building, still in use, a frame building about 24x30 in size, was erected about 1856. October 7, 1877, the congregation asked to be admitted to the Presbyterian Church, and has since been connected with that denomination. Its membership is now very low, not reaching twenty. The present Elders are John Arnold and W. P. Neil. J. B. Doudna, John Arnold and Abraham Brobeck are the trustees. The first Sabbath school was organized by Rev. Coulter. It is still maintained during the summer season.

The Methodist Church at Frankfort was organized about 1835. For a few years, meetings were held at the residence of Henry Beach and other dwellings. Among the early members may be mentioned James and William Stone, John W. Halleck, Henry Beach, Joseph Wells and Jacob Frederick. A log meeting house was erected about 1842, which served the society as a place of worship until 1860, when the present frame edifice was erected. It was completed in April and dedicated April 15, 1860, by Rev. Dr. Warner. The membership at present numbers about seventy-five. This class is included in Jerome Circuit, recently formed, which, besides this charge, comprises Hyattsville and Kent's Schoolhouse in Delaware County, Watkinsville and Ketch's Schoolhouse. Rev. Chase conducted a very fruitful revival in the old log church, and among the most successful series of meetings in the present church have been those conducted by Revs. Hathaway, John E. Moore and Edward Rudesill. Rev. Thurston is the present minister. A Sabbath school has been in operation for a period of about forty years.

In the southeastern part of the township is a Methodist class which was organized more than twenty years ago. Henry Brobeck, Rosetta Mooney and Landen Bishop were early members. The class has never been very strong numerically, and its places of holding services have frequently changed. About ten years ago it was changed by Rev. Samuel Donahue from Mooney Schoolhouse to the Pike Schoolhouse No. 1, and when a new schoolhouse was erected in this district two years ago, the directors withheld permission to use it for church purposes. The society then took measures to provide itself with a suitable home. On a lot donated by S. S. Davis, a handsome brick edifice has been erected at a cost of about $2,000. It will be finished and dedicated as soon as the weather permits. The class now numbers about thirty members.

GOWAN'S GUARDS.

On the evening of the 24th day of April, 1861, in response to the call for the first 75,000 volunteers, a war meeting was held in the old Seceder Church at New California. Patriotic speeches were made by many of the old citizens, and among others the Rev. B. D. Evans and Llewellyn Curry. Volunteers were called for, and the first young man to enroll his name and offer his services was David O. Taylor, who soon after joined the Thirteenth Ohio Regiment, and, after serving his country three years with honor, was killed on the battle-field of Dallas on the 27th of May, 1864. About forty of the young men of the neighborhood volunteered that evening and in a few days an election was held for officers of the company, and James Cutler was elected Captain; W. L. Curry, First Lieutenant, and D. R. Cone, Second Lieutenant.

Among the first to volunteer was Walter Gowans, a patriotic old Scotchman upward of sixty years of age, and in honor to him the company was named the "Gowans' Guards." The company began drilling immediately at New California. The busy hands of mothers and sisters in a few days furnished uniforms, consisting of red jackets and black caps. The young ladies of the neighborhood made a large silk flag, which was presented to the company.

The company soon numbered about sixty volunteers, but before it was recruited to the required number to enter the service, the call was made for three years troops, and many of the boys becoming impatient to be off for the seat of war, began to enlist in companies that were being recruited more rapidly in the larger towns. The organization never entered the service, as their ranks were rapidly decimated by these enlistments in other organizations. All but two or three of this company soon enlisted and seventeen of them died in the service.

A complete roll of the company cannot be found, but by consulting members of the company the majority of the names have been obtained. Those with a star attached died in service.

James Cutler, Captain; W. L. Curry, First Lieutenant; D. R. Cone, Second Lieutenant; J. D. Bain, David Bain, William Beaver, W. J. Conklin, Otway Curry, W. W. Curry, David Curry, James A. Curry,* James Curry, J. C. Cone, S. B. Cone, O. B. Cone,* William Channell,* W. H. H. Fleck, T. S. Fleck, Walter Gowans, Sr., Andrew Gowans, Alexander Gowans, William Gowans, James Gowans,* S. W. Gowans, Lewis Hoffner, James Hill,* L. J. Ketch, Lewis Ketch,* John Liggett, R. A. Liggett, B. F. Lucas,* William B. Langhead,* John Marford, James R. Mitchell, George Mitchell,* David McIntire, J. L. McCampbell, Jeff Mahaffey,* Jacob Nonemaker,* D. G. Robinson, Delmore Robinson,* C. L. Robinson, J. B. Robinson, George Reuhlen,* David Shinneman,* James Smith, George Stokes, Atlas Perkins,* Charles Thompson,* David O. Taylor*, Daniel Taylor, David Wise, William Wise*, Samuel Wise. The young men of Jerome Township rallied to every call made during the war, and her quota was always filled. No draft was ever made in the township. Soldiers' families were well cared for by the old citizens at home, and about $10,000 were paid during the last years of the war as local bounty to recruits. The first call on Jerome Township for volunteers was for fourteen men, and the first money paid was by Thomas Jones, who paid $70, giving each of the boys $5. They went without bounty. Squire S. B. Woodburn was particularly active in raising money to pay bounties and save the township from the draft, and it was to him that the citizens looked for aid when calls were made for troops. He repeatedly advanced the means to pay bounties. When the last call for troops was made, it became necessary for Jerome to furnish about $6,000 to fill her quota of men. Attempts were made to raise the amount, but they failed, and as a last resort Squire Woodburn was appointed to assess the amount. At that meeting he assessed ten men $200 each and advanced $4,000.

No township in the county has a better record than Jerome. More than 340 of her citizens entered the service, and sixty-nine of them were killed or died in the army.

The county official record of oaths administered to Justices of the Peace contains the following list for Jerome Township, with the dates of commissions: Clark Provin, 1821; John McCune, 1823; James Ewing, 1824; James Buck, 1825; Henry Sager, 1827; James Buck, 1828; William Long, 1832; John McCampbell, 1837; Caleb Converse, 1838; S. Snodgrass, 1839; Thomas Wason, 1839; Thomas M. Ewing, 1841; Thomas Mason, 1842; Joseph Button, 1842; Thomas M. Ewing, 1844; Perry Buck, 1845; Kilbourn Beach, 1845; Thomas M. Ewing, 1847; Perry Buck, 1848; Kilbourn Beach, 1848, resigned in 1849; James B. Dort, 1850; Thomas M. Ewing, 1850; Perry Buck, 1851; I. N. Wells, 1852; Leroy F. Hager, 1853; Perry Buck, 1854; Templeton Liggett, 1855; I. N. Wells, 1855; James Ketch, 1856; Samuel B. Woodburn, 1858; I. N. Wells, 1858; James Ketch, 1859; Samuel B. Woodburn, 1861; I. N. Wells, 1861; James Ketch, 1862; S. B. Woodburn, 1864; I. N. Wells, 1864; John Knock, 1865; James Ketch, 1866; I. N. Wells, 1867; S. B. Woodburn, 1867; Nelson Cone, 1869; S. B. Woodburn, 1870; S. W. H. Durboraw, 1870; Nelson Cone, 1872; S. B. Woodburn, 1873; S. W. H. Durboraw, 1873; J. P. McDowel, 1875; James Ketch, 1876; S. W. H. Durboraw, 1876; James Robinson, 1878; Nelson Cone, 1879; Robert McCrory, 1879; Perry Buck, 1882; Robert McCrory, 1882; J. P. McDowell, 1882.

The complete vote of Jerome for Governors of the State, has been as follows:

1822—Jeremiah Morrow, 6; Allen Trimble, 24; total, 30.

1824—Jeremiah Morrow, 11; Allen Trimble, 23; total, 34.

1826—John Bigger, 22; Allen Trimble, 7; total, 29.

1828—John W. Campbell, 23; Allen Trimble, 7; total, 30.

1830—Robert Lucas, 32.

1832—Darias Lyman, Whig, 12; Robert Lucas, Democrat, 36; total, 48.

1834—James Finley, Whig, 13; Robert Lucas, Democrat, 33; total, 46.

1836—Joseph Vance, Whig, 50; Eli Baldwin, Democrat, 15; total, 65.

1838—Joseph Vance, Whig, 60; Nelson Shannon, Democrat, 27; total, 87.

1840—Thomas Corwin, Whig, 86; Nelson Shannon, Democrat, 58; total, 144.

1842—Thomas Corwin, Whig, 75; Nelson Shannon, Democrat, 43; Leicester King, Abolitionist, 7; total, 162.

1844—Mordecai Bartley, Whig, 105; David Tod, Democrat, 48; Leicester King, Abolitionist, 9; total, 162.

1846—William Bebb, Whig, 63; David Tod, Democrat, 28; Samuel Lewis, Abolitionist, 9; total, 100.

1848—Seabury Ford, Whig, 104; John B. Weller, Democrat, 57; total, 161.

1850—William Johnson, Whig, 101; Reuben Wood, Democrat, 69; Edward Smith, Abolitionist, 16; total, 186.

1851—Samuel F. Vinton, Whig, 71; Reuben Wood, Democrat, 42; Samuel Lewis, Abolitionist, 24; total, 137.

1853—Nelson Barrere, Whig, 74; William Medill, Democrat, 62; Samuel Lewis, Abolitionist, 34; total, 170.

1855—Salmon P. Chase, Fusion, 97; William Medill, Democrat, 21; Allen Trimble, Know-Nothing, 32; total, 150.

1857—Salmon P. Chase, Republican, 106; H. B. Payne, Democrat, 45; P. Van Trump, Know-Nothing, 3; total, 154.

1859—William Dennison, Republican, 98; R. P. Ranney, Democrat, 71; total, 169.

1861—David Tod, Republican, 132; H. J. Jewett, Democrat, 84; total, 216.

1863—John Brough, Republican, 204; C. L. Vallandigham, Democrat, 84; total, 288.

1865—J. D. Cox, Republican, 149; George W. Morgan, Democrat, 96; total, 243.

1867—R. B. Hayes, Republican, 176; Allen G. Thurman, Democrat, 117; total, 293

1869—R. B. Hayes, Republican, 163; G. H. Pendleton, Democrat, 102; total, 265.

1871—E. F. Noyes, Republican, 153; G. W. McCook, Democrat, 94; total, 247.

1873—E. F. Noyes, Republican, 106; William Allen, Democrat, 91; J. C. Collins, Liberal Republican, 2; T. Stewart, Prohibition, 9; total, 208.

1875—R. B. Hayes, Republican, 187; William Allen, Democrat, 126; total, 313.

1877—William H. West, Republican, 186; R. M. Bishop, Democrat, 131; H. A. Thompson, Prohibition, 5; total, 322.

1879—Charles Foster, Republican, 207; Thomas Ewing, Democrat, 148; G. T. Stewart, Prohibitionist, 14; total, 369.

1881—Charles Foster, Republican, 163; J. W. Bookwalter, Democrat, 131; A. R. Ludlow, Prohibition, 31; total, 325.

For President, 1876, R. B. Hayes received 208 votes; Samuel J. Tilden, 139; total, 342.

In 1880, James A. Garfield received 216; W. S. Hancock, 153; and the Greenback candidate, 2; total, 37.

The original surveys which compose Jerome Township, their areas, original proprietors, surveyors and dates of survey are as follows:

No. 419, 1,200 acres, William Brown, James Galloway, Jr., March 2, 1807.

No. 1,440, 1,000 acres, James Curry, James Galloway, January 21, 1807.

No. 2,365, 666⅔ acres, Thomas Parker, Nathaniel Massie, June 5, 1797, partly in Delaware County.

No. 2,925, 6,663⅔ acres, Beverly Roy, Nathaniel Massie, June 5, 1797.

No. 2,990, 666 acres, John Phillips, Nathaniel Massie, June 5, 1797, partly in Delaware County.

No. 2,991, 1,330 acres, John Phillips, Nathaniel Massie, June 5, 1797, partly in Delaware County.

No. 3,003, 174 acres, William Crogan, Joseph Kerr, December 22, 1814 partly in Delaware County.

No. 3,005, 666⅔ acres, Peter Talbot, Nathaniel Massie, June 3, 1797.

No. 3,009, Robert Means, mostly in Franklin County.

No. 3,014, 199 acres, H. Gilman, Nathaniel Massie, June 3, 1797, partly in Delaware County.

No. 3,244, 200 acres, William Annis, James Galloway, Jr., November 18, 1807.

No. 3,452, 650 acres, William Barksdale, James Galloway, Jr., March 18, 1810, partly in Franklin County.

No. 3,452, 350 acres, William Barksdale, James Galloway, Jr., March 1, 1810.

No. 3,475, 410 acres, Robert Woodcock, James Galloway, Jr., December 25, 1820.

No. 3,484, 800 acres, Lucas Sullivant, Lucas Sullivant March 4, 1799.

No. 3,685, 666⅔ acres, Lucas Sullivant, Lucas Sullivant, September 18, 1799.

No. 3,686, 1,000 acres, Lucas Sullivant, Lucas Sullivant, September 18, 1799.

No. 3,743, 600 acres, Robert Means, Lucas Sullivant, September 17, 1799.

No. 3,750, 100 acres, Thomas Snead, Lucas Sullivant, September 30, 1799.

No. 3,754, 400 acres, Charles Simms, Lucas Sullivant, Septeber 30, 1799.

No. 5,126, 470 acres, Alexander Kerr, James Galloway, Jr., January 22, 1807.

No. 5,128, 80 acres, Alexander Kerr, James Galloway, Jr., January 23, 1807.

No. 5,132, 600 acres, James Galloway, Jr., James Galloway, Jr., January 22, 1807.

No. 5,133, 190 acres, James Galloway, Jr., and John Goode, James Galloway, January 21, 1807.

No. 5,134, 533⅔ acres, John Pride, James Galloway, Jr., January 21, 1807.

No. 5,143, 100 acres, Terence Doren, James Galloway, Jr., January 21, 1807.

No. 5,144, 50 acres, Richard C. Anderson, James Galloway, Jr., February 28, 1807.

No. 5,144, 50 acres, Richard Jones, James Galloway, Jr., February 28, 1807.

No. 5,162, 800 acres, Robert Means, James Galloway, Jr., March 27, 1807, mostly in Delaware and Franklin Counties.

No. 5,166, 2,000 acres, Robert Means, James Galloway, Jr., March 2, 1807.

No. 5,167, 200 acres, James Galloway and others; James Galloway, Jr., February 21, 1807, partly in Madison County.

No. 5,234, 600 acres, Robert White, James Galloway, Jr., November 18, 1807.

No. 5,238, 200 acres, Lucas Sullivant, James Galloway, Jr., April 25, 1807.

No. 5,261, 466⅔ acres, Henry Bidinger, James Galloway, Jr., November 18, 1807.

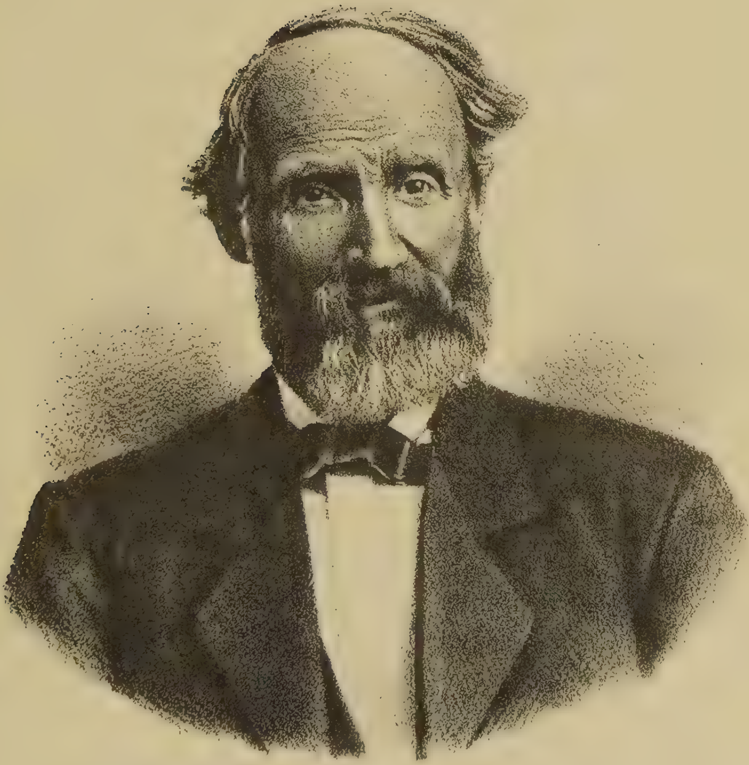
No. 5,417, 300 acres, Nathan Lamme, James Galloway, Jr., December 21, 1807.

No. 5,611, 360 acres, Thomas Bayly, James Galloway, Jr., June 14, 1807.

No. 5,724, 295 acres, John Baird, James Galloway, Jr., February 23,1808.

No. 6,310, 280 acres, William Pelham, James Galloway, Jr., September 10, 1809.

No. 6,420, 346⅔ acres, William Barlow, James Galloway, Jr., March 29, 1810.



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No. 6,581, 450 acres, John Galloway, James Galloway, Jr., January 12, 1810.

No. 6,595, 277½ acres, Thomas Parker, James Galloway, Jr., March 27, 1810.

No. 6,596, 277½, Thomas M. Bayly, James Galloway, Jr., March 28, 1810.

No. 6,748, 555 acres, John Anderson, James Galloway, Jr., June 7, 1810, mostly in Franklin County.

No. 6,954, 320 acres, representatives of Anthony J. Dixon, James Galloway, Jr., July 9, 1811, mostly in Madison County.

No. 7,058, 400 acres, James M. Galloway, James Galloway, Jr., April 23, 1811.

No. 7,073, 526⅔ acres, Richard I. Waters, James Galloway, Jr., April 24, 1811.

No. 7,074, 800 acres, John Crawford, James Galloway, Jr., April 29, 1811.

No. 7,181, 200 acres, Walter Dun, Walter Dun, November 17, 1811.

No. 7,029, 38 acres, Lucas Sullivant, James Galloway, Jr., May 1, 1812.

No. 7,390, 45 acres, John Graham, Walter Dun, August 29, 1812.

Nos. 7,751 and 7,754, 447 acres, Walter Dun, Walter Dun, July 1, 1813, partly in Darby Township and Madison County.

Nos. 7,758 and 7,830, 168 acres, John Graham and G. Scroggs, Walter Dun, July 21, 1813.

Nos. 9,367 and 10,614, 149 acres, James Galloway, Jr., James Galloway, Jr., January 20, 1821.

No. 9,736, 407 acres, James Galloway, Jr., Benjamin W. Ladd and James Barnett, James Galloway, Jr., November 18, 1818.

No. 10,620, 51 acres, John Messenburg, James Galloway, Jr., January 19, 1821.

No. 10,708, 94 acres, William Sullivant, Michael L. and Joseph Sullivant, heirs of Lucas Sullivant, Matthew Bonner, September 22, 1831.

No. 12,125, 63 acres, S. Whitehead, survey not recorded.

For much valuable assistance kindly rendered in the preparation of Jerome Township history, thanks are due to Col. W. L. Curry, Robert McCrory, Lewis C. Curry and others.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

EDWIN G. ADAMS, deceased, was born in this township, December 26, 1841, and was a son of Ammon and Betsey (Converse) Adams. He was the second son of six children, two of whom are living. He was reared on the farm, and educated in the common schools. In May, 1864, he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and did duty as a wagoner. After one hundred days of service, he was discharged and returned home. January 26, 1865, he was married to Dilla U., daughter of Frederick and Permilla Parthemore, of Virginia and Pennsylvania. Mrs. Adams was born in Union Township, this county, November 2, 1839. One child was born to Mrs. Adams, viz., Edwin G., born December 15, 1875. Mr. Adams departed this life June 11, 1875. He left at his death, 139¼ acres of well-improved and valuable land, on which his wife resides.

T. B. ASBURY, M. D., P.O. Jerome, was born near Syracuse, N. Y., April 10, 1824. His father, Rev. Thomas Asbury, was a native of England, where he studied and entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a self-made man and acquired through his own diligence the elements of a good scholar. In 1818, he crossed the waters to America. He was a Methodist itinerant and traveled on his mission from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, all along the Atlantic seaboard to the Gulf, and accompanied Bishop Asbury, who was his uncle, up the Mississippi River to Fort Independence, Mo. Mr. Asbury, after laboring among the people of the West and suffering the dangers of a pioneer minister's life, he came to Columbus, Ohio, and in 1822, erected one of the first brick churches in that city. He retired from the ministry and died November 26, 1860, aged eighty-four years. His wife, Rachel B. Asbury, died April 10, 1825. Dr. Asbury was the only child. He was reared to manhood in Columbus, and received his collegiate education in Alleghany College, of Meadville, Penn. He read medicine with Dr. Edward Ellis, of Meadville, and graduated from the Berkshire Medical College of Pittsfield, Mass., in March, 1844. He entered upon his profession in Meadville, Penn., where he practiced five years, and came to Frankfort (Jerome P. O.), and remained till 1861, when he removed to Columbus. In 1872, he went to Worthington, and in 1880 came back to his old field of labor, which is now presided over by twelve physicians. March 18, 1847, he was married to Margaret Snowden, and by her had two children—Bishop F. and Harry R. Mrs. Asbury departed from this world May 2, 1871, and July 4, 1872, Mr. A. was joined in marriage with Anna, daughter of Isaac N. Wells, of Worthington, and has three children—Norman G., Oliver T. and an infant son. Mr. and Mrs. Asbury are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. A. is a prominent member of the Masonic order. He is a member of the Central Ohio and State Medical Association. In the former he was Treasurer for several years. In politics, he is a stanch Republican.

WILLIAM BIGGER, son of Samuel and Sarah Bigger, was born June 26, 1881, in Kentucky, and when three years of age removed with his parents to Greene County, Ohio. Married Nancy Bain, daughter of James and Sarah (Fleming) Bain, June 23, 1825, and unto them were born three daughters—Sarah, who died in infancy; Rebecca, wife of James H. Roney, and Mary Elizabeth, deceased wife of John T. McCullough. Mrs. Bigger died June 14, 1834, and Mr. Bigger married his second wife, Nancy Law, April 14, 1835. In October, 1836, he moved his family to Jerome Township, Union County, where his fourth and youngest child, Joanna, was born. Mr. Bigger was a devout member of the Seceder, or United Presbyterian Church, in which he served for a number of years as Elder. In April, 1865, he moved to Springfield, Clark County, where he resided until the time of his death, July 6, 1879, having survived his second wife eight years.

LANDON BISHOP, farmer, P. O. Jerome, was born in Loudoun County, Va., April 23, 1820. When four years of age, his parents, Findley and Nancy (Jones) Bishop, who were natives of Virginia, removed to Franklin County, Ohio, and three years later to Jerome Township. Mr. Bishop purchased 116 acres of land and settled on it. He cleared and improved this land, and died February 22, 1860. Landon was reared on the homestead, and assisted his father in clearing it up. In 1845, he removed to Washington, Franklin County, and lived nine years. He returned to Jerome, and in 1855, located on the farm he now occupies. October 17, 1844, he married Miss Jane Howey, a daughter of James and Sarah Howey. Mrs. Bishop, a native of Franklin County, was born August 27, 1822. The children are as follows: McKendre, William F., Alma E. (wife of John M. Price), Charles F., Olive A. and John E. Sarah M. is deceased. Mr. Bishop owns a farm of 155 acres, and follows farming and raising thoroughbred Spanish Merino sheep.

HENRY BROBECK, retired, P. O. Plain City was born in Shenandoah County, Va., July 5, 1808. He is a son of Jacob and Catharine (Cooper) Brobeck, who were natives of the same county. His father was a soldier in the Norfolk war, and died in Virginia at an advanced age. Mr. Brobeck is the second of nine children. He was reared to manhood in his native place, and married July 20, 1830, in Frederick County, Va., to Mahala Hottle, a native of Shenandoah County, Va., and a daughter of David Hottle. She was born March 12, 1810. Eleven children were born to this union; of these eight are living—Israel, married Jane Wooley; Susan, wife of George Arnold; Mary, wife of John Arnold; Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Frederick; Rebecca, wife of John Mitchell; Sarah A., wife of Hamilton Bishop; Abraham and John H. Mrs. Brobeck died in Steubenville, Ohio, and June 17, 1847, Mr. B. was joined in marriage to Julia A. Morrey, who bore him five children. The three living are—Joseph: Etherlinda, wife of Samuel Nunemaker, and Amanda, wife of James Wagner. Mr. Brobeck removed to Ohio in 1843, and settled near Steubenville. In 1854, he came to Jerome Township; followed farming till 1876, when he removed to Plain City, and retired. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics is Democratic. Mrs. Brobeck departed this life October 2, 1880.

JOSEPH BROBECK, of the firm of Brobeck & Fox, merchants, P. O. Jerome was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, March 16, 1848, and is a son of Henry and Julia A. Brobeck. When six years of age, his parents settled in this township. His early life was passed upon the farm, and in the district schools he received a practical education. He followed the avocation of farming until he engaged in his present business, which was established in December, 1877. In 1879, he took in as partner, Mr. Chester Fox. They carry a well-selected stock of general merchandise, aggregating in value about $2,000, and do an annual trade of $8,000. Mr. Brobeck was married September 4, 1873, to Miss Clorinda, daughter of Henry and Sarah Fox. She was born in Jerome Township July 20, 1854. Two children have been born to them—Ivan, born February 9, 1879, and Elva Wita, July 24, 1880. Mr. Brobeck is a worthy member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; was appointed Postmaster at Jerome Post Office in 1877. Politically, he is of Democratic proclivities.

SAMUEL CARSON, farmer, P. O. New California, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, August 1, 1843; is a son of James and Jane (Lorimer) Carson, of Ross County, Ohio. His father was born in 1813, and his mother in 1807. They were married in Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1839, and lived in that and Guernsey County till 1859, at which time they located in

Union County. In 1864, they removed to Mahaska County, Iowa, and now live in Madison County, same State. Our subject is the third child of a family of five children, three of whom are living. He enlisted May 1, 1862, in Company C, subsequently of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Regiment. He also did garrison duty on Johnson's Island, and June 6, 1865, was discharged and returned to his home, and afterward journeyed West through the Territories, returning in 1868, and settled, where he now resides. February 11, 1868, he was married to Jennie A., daughter of William and Eliza Taylor. She was born in Champaign County, Ohio, in 1843. They have had four children, viz., Lulu, Walker, Celia and Mary. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an Elder ten years. He owns seventy-three acres of land, and has been a member of the School Board five years.

RICHARD CLARK, farmer, P. O. Plain City, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, January 8, 1806, and is a son of Henry and Nancy (O'Neil) Clark, natives of Scotland and County Down, Ireland, respectively. His paternal grandparents removed to Ireland on account of religious troubles, and were Presbyterians in belief. Henry Clark died when our subject was six years old, and in 1829 or 1830, his mother removed to Manchester, England. She was preceded in 1823 by her son Richard, who found employment in the cotton factories, in which he worked twenty-three years. In June, 1849, he came to America, and bought fifty-five acres of land in this township, on which he settled and lived thereon till 1872, when he located in Plain City. He was married in Manchester, England, in December, 1836, to Eliza Gilmore, daughter of Ross and Sarah (White) Gilmore. The former was born in England, the latter in Ireland, and removed to England with her parents when a child. They have three living children—Elizabeth, Margaret and Susan. James, a deceased son, enlisted November 26, 1861, in Company K, Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served under General Sherman, and fought at Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, and upon other fields of no lesser note. September 1, 1863, he was promoted to Sergeant Major, and served until he veteranized, January 4, 1864. Exposure brought on sickness, and after enjoying a short furlough at home, he returned to his regiment and suffered a relapse, from which he died February 25, 1864. He was a brave and valiant soldier, and died from sickness caused by exposure while fighting for the perpetuity of his country. He was commissioned Captain of a company that had been recruited by Col. Smith, but it was not received until the day of his burial. The other children died as follows: John, died February 22, 1871; Sarah, July 9, 1848; Sarah (second), December 22, 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are very exemplary members of the Presbyterian Church.

CHARLES S. COMSTOCK, farmer, P. O. New California, is a son of Ruggles and Elizabeth (Gilson) Comstock. His father was born in Connecticut February 18, 1807, and his mother in Massachusetts, February 9, 1809. They were married in the latter State, October 1, 1834, and in 1836 settled in Franklin County, Ohio, where they lived till 1863, when they came to this township, in which they bought 103 acres of land. His grandfather, David Comstock, was born in Connecticut, where he died; his grandmother, Nancy (Sessions) Comstock, was born in Massachusetts. His father, when a young man, worked in a factory twenty years. Since coming here he has followed farming exclusively. He is the father of three children, two of whom are living, viz., Jennie and Charles S. Our subject enlisted June 27, 1861, in Company E, Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Fifteenth Army Corps under Gen. Sherman, and was in the battle of Shiloh. The exposure of army life impaired his health and he came home on furlough, and not recovering sufficiently he was honorably discharged. February 13, 1873, he was married to Amanda F., daughter of John and Margaret (Tate) McCampbell, who was born in Jerome Township June 29, 1839. Four children have been born to them, three of whom are living, viz. Fay E., Emma T. and Edith S.; an infant son, deceased. He owns 25 acres and has charge of 129 acres of well-improved land.

NELSON CONE, farmer, P. O. New California, was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., April 30, 1808. His parents, Daniel and Ruth (Rich) Cone, were natives of Middlesex County, Conn. The former was born in March, 1768, and the latter in March, 1771. They were married in 1790, and removed to New York in 1806, thence to Susquehanna County, Penn., in 1812, and four years later (1816) to Union Township, Union County, where they resided till 1824, and removed to Madison County. Mr. Cone died in November, 1847, aged eighty years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and his father, Elisha Cone, and eldest son, enlisted at the beginning of the Revolutionary war, and served as private till its close. In 1837, Mr. Cone, the father of our subject, moved and settled in Whitley County, Ind., where he died. Mrs. Cone's death took place in May, 1849. They had ten children, four of whom are living, viz.: Martha, widow of Chester Dodge, now of Oswego, N. Y., aged ninety; Thomas R., of Yellow Springs, Ohio, aged eighty-five; Nelson, the subject of this sketch, and Alma, widow of David Hayden, now of Whitley County, Ind. Nelson grew to manhood on a farm. At the age of twenty, he took up the saddlery and harness-making trade, in Westville, Champaign County, and has followed it, more or less, up to the present time. In 1831, he came to Jerome Township, and, in April of the succeeding year, located on the farm where he now resides. November 22, 1831, he was married to Miss Louisa Curry, a daughter of Col. James Curry, and a native of Highland County, Ohio, where she was born July 25, 1807. Of nine children by this union, six are now living, as follows: James C., Stephenson B., Daniel R., Albert H., Thomas and Louisa. Stephenson B., Otway B. and Robert S. are deceased. Mr. Cone served on the Board of County Commissioners six years. He was the first commissioned Commissioner of Union County. He also acted in the capacity of Justice of the Peace nine years, and as Township Trustee four years. Mr. Cone owns 176 acres of land, most of which he cleared and improved.

HENRY CROTINGER, farmer, P. O. New California, a native of the Keystone State, and a son of Peter and Margaret (Rhodes) Crotinger, was born February 27, 1820. His father, a native of Maryland, was born January 8, 1780; and his mother, of Pennsylvania, April 30, 1786. They married, and, in 1827, migrated and settled in Licking County, Ohio, thence to Knox County in 1829. Three years later Mr. C. and family came to Union County, and located a farm near Frankfort, where he died in October, 1861. Mrs. C.'s death took place January 29, 1873. They had born to them thirteen children, six of whom are now living. The subject of this sketch is the eldest son. He passed his early life on the farm, and, for an education, enjoyed only the advantages of the common schools. In 1845, he went to Mason County, Ill., but remained only a short time, and returned. May 15, 1846, he was married to Miss Catharine, daughter of John and Sarah McKittrick, and a native of Licking County, where she was born November 15, 1830. This marriage was blessed with ten children; of these, nine are now living —Sarah E., wife of Luther Hutchinson; Chester, Martha V., Albert O., Diadama, wife of William Ellison; Olive J., William H. and John E. Mary E. is deceased. Mr. Crotinger bought a small farm of sixty acres, on which he resided till 1867, when he made the purchase of his present farm of 140 acres. He has improved most of this farm since he took possession of it. Mr. Crotinger is a good farmer and respected citizen.

JAMES CURRY.

JAMES CURRY, the subject of this biographic sketch, was born near Belfast, Ireland, January 29, 1752. He was the first born child of James Curry, a prosperous Irish farmer of County Antrim. His mother's maiden name was Warwick, showing an English origin on her side of the family. Her relatives were prominent in England, during Cromwell's time, siding with the great commoner, and one of them, a Capt. Warwick, was among the number shot to death after the restoration. Very little is known, however, of the far-off lady, not even her given name. We only know that she was a Warwick; that she was of Protestant stock; that she was married to James Curry, near Belfast, about the year 1750; that before leaving Ireland she bore her husband five children, two sons and three daughters; that after reaching America and settling with her husband in Virginia, she bore him four additional children, three daughters and one son; that at the close of the Revolutionary war, she removed with her husband to the neighborhood of Paris, Ky., and there, some years after, died at the age of ninety-three. The Protestants of the North of Ireland were and are to this day an educated people, cultivated, prosperous, tolerant, and the inference (which is supported by tradition) is that her family was a superior one. Certainly she inherited from it sterling virtues, and received a liberal education, which were in turn bestowed upon her own children.

Of James Curry, her husband, the father of the subject of this sketch, we know about as little. It has been claimed that his ancestors entered Britain with the Normans, at the time of the conquest, but an excellent authority asserts that the Currys are of pure Celtic stock, and owe their origin solely to the Irish of pre-historic days. The Scotch and Welsh are of the same race, and so were the ancient Britons. Ireland is honey-combed with Currys, and while they are generally of the middle-class, plain, well to-do citizens, there are in the Counties Cavan and Fermanah, castles or their remains which were once the abode of nobles of the name, Lords Belmone and Lowry Curry, and Lord Clon Curry. Many towns bear the name, such as Tubercurry, Rathcurry, etc. From time immemorial almost, these families have had large landed possessions in the counties named, and in fact all over Ireland the name, either spelled with a u, or an o, is as plentiful as Smith in this country.

The immediate family of this James Curry, were Irish Presbyterians, thrifty, doubtless, and intelligent, for they had so educated their son that he, in turn, had before quitting Ireland began to prepare his son (the subject of this sketch) for the ministry. It is well known, indeed, that Col. James Curry had been in early childhood marked for the holy calling, had begun his studies to that end, and had had, according to a custom of that place and day, his hair cropped and his head adorned with a wig, in token of the life he had been ordained to lead. But a far different career was in store for the young novitiate. When but ten years of age, his father's thoughts were turned to the New World, then as now the Land of Promise for struggling Irishmen. The family accordingly embarked at Belfast for America, on board the ship "Good Return," some time in 1762. A large colony accompanied, including several brothers with their families and other relatives. The ship was a stanch and fast sailer, which had once made the voyage in five weeks' time, but this trip she had been overloaded, so that what with head winds and counter-currents, her passage across the Atlantic was prolonged to fifteen weeks. Disease, starvation and death meanwhile made sad havoc among the passengers and crew. The greater part died and were buried at sea, among them the four youngest children of James Curry. The ship finally made Philadelphia, and the James Curry family stepped ashore with but three, where seven should have been in number. The family seems then to have at once started with other relatives for Virginia; one of the brothers went, however, to Pennsylvania, and one, from which the famous Methodist divine, Rev. Dr. Curry, is descended, settled in New York. But it is only with James Curry's family that this sketch is concerned. Going to the neighborhood of Staunton, in Augusta County, Va., the emigrant, James Curry, with his Warwick wife and one son, James, then ten years of age, settled down to a planter's life. This removal to Augusta County is supposed to have been made very soon after landing at Philadelphia. It may have been later, however, and if so, where the family lived meanwhile is unknown. The land records at Richmond, Va, contain the name of James Curry as a patentee for a large body of land "on both sides of the North River of Shenandoah," dated April 6, 1769. If this patent was issued to James Curry, the emigrant, its date may fix the time of his settlement in Virginia, though of course he could have lived there for several years prior thereto. And then, again, it may have issued to his son, James Curry (of whom we write), who was at the time seventeen years of age.

Of James Curry, Sr., we only know further, that, after settling in Virginia, there were born to him four children—Susan, Rebecca, Polly and John. That after the close of the Revolutionary war, he removed to the neighborhood of Paris, Ky., where, at an advanced age, he died and was buried.

Some of his children, certainly John, accompanied him into Kentucky, others among them. James, the subject of this sketch remained in Virginia. Of the sisters and the brother of Col. Curry, it may be briefly stated that Susan married Rev. William Erwin, and removed to what is now the State of Indiana, where her descendants now live; and Rebecca married John Erwin, whose descendants now reside in the southern part of Union County; Polly, married Wallace Harmonson, whose descendants live in Iowa and Texas; John, married Ann McConnell, and both he and his wife lived and died in Kentucky.

Some time after, a daughter, who had married a Mr. Thornton, becoming widowed, removed to Hanover, Ind., having in charge a much younger sister, Anna R. (whom she had indeed raised), together with several children of her own. These children, girls, were married, one to a Rev. Mr. Rice, one to a Mr. James Gardner, one to a Mr. Andrews, and Anna R., to a Rev. Mr. Mills. They all, except Anna R. and her husband, now live in California.

Returning to Col. James Curry—whose name and memory this article is intended to perpetuate—it is known that, having lived and worked on a farm with his father for several years after landing at Philadelphia, he at the age of fourteen began teaching a school in the neighborhood, showing that the foundation for his intended ministerial life had been pretty well laid in the old country, since there could have been few opportunities for study opened to him after reaching America. Thus employed—summers working the farm, and winters teaching—the lad grew into manhood, strong of limb and vigorous of intellect, when a call having been made by Lord Dunmore, then Governor of Virginia, for volunteers to suppress the Indians who were massacreing the white settlers of the Ohio River frontier, at the age of twenty-two, he took his first step as a soldier, enlisting as a private at Staunton. His company was finally assigned to one of the regiments which made up the force of 1,500 men, with which Gen. Andrew Lewis made a toilsome journey across the mountains and rendezvoused, under orders to await a junction with Lord Dunmore at Point Pleasant, where the Kanawha enters the Ohio River. Here occurred the famous battle of Point Pleasant, where the whites, though at heavy loss, were victorious—a battle which put an end to the conflict known in history as Cresap's War, and which led some weeks after to the noted council with the Indians near Chillicothe, in which the Mingoe chief, Logan, arraigned the whites in a burst of scathing eloquence. Of this battle Col. Curry's recollections were most vivid. The morning of October 10, 1774, as the little army lay in camp, on the point of land made by the junction of the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers, awaiting the coming of Lord Dunmore, an immense body of Indians under command of the chief, Cornstalk, crept upon it, and by daylight a bloody conflict was in progress. The historic account of this fight is of course familiar to all, and need not be repeated. Suffice to say that Col. Curry's often-told story of the battle, agreed in the main with the published accounts. The whites themselves adopted the Indian's tactics and took to the trees for shelter, thus reducing the battle as it were, to a sort of duel between individuals, the combatants fighting each other to the death of one, and then turning to engage another. In this manner the desperate struggle continued from daylight to sunset, until the Indians finally, under the impression that the white were being re-enforced, fled to the north bank of the Ohio. Young Curry was closely engaged throughout the greater part of the day, using now one tree, now another for cover, and doubtless sent many a daring brave to his long home. Toward evening, however, becoming too ventursome, he was himself shot through the right elbow by an unseen foe, while in the act of leveling his gun at his immediate antagonist. Falling down amongst the roots of the large elm tree, behind which he had been fighting, he lay concealed till the close of the battle. One of his stories of the day, told in after years with much glee, was that when the surgeon came to dress his wound, he asked if it would be hurtful to drink a glass of wine? To which it was replied, "Not if he drank it with the surgeon!" This wound of course ended his fighting for the time, and threw him amongst the invalids, and to the rear and homeward, when Gen. Lewis afterward crossed the Ohio in pursuit of the Indians.

Reaching home, the young soldier went again to work upon his father's farm, having sufficiently recovered from his wound, though he could never after lift a cup of water or coffee to his lips with that right arm.

But stirring times were impending. The colonists, restive and maddened under British oppression, had already in their legislative bodies inaugurated the Revolution. These Irish immigrants had no more love for England then than have the same class of men to day, and it may be well supposed that the Currys espoused the cause of the colonists, and not alone from motives of patriotism. It is remembered that the elder Curry was an untiring and powerful advocate of the patriot's cause, and when at length the blow was struck, his son James required no urging to take part in the conflict. He was then a young man of twenty-four, strong and active, and not unused to the duties of a soldier. His campaign to the Indian country, and experience at Point Pleasant two years before, had been good schooling for him, and we find that very soon after being enrolled, he was named a Lieutenant in the Eighth Virginia Regiment, Continential Establishment. It is not known exactly what time the young soldier began service, however, though we do know the date of his Lieutenant's commission. A statement of his account with the United States Government up to December 31, 1781 (hereafter shown in the fac simile), fixes the beginning of his Lieutenancy at June 24, 1777, yet he must have been for some months before a private, or non-commissioned officer; however, has served as a Lieutenant in the Eighth Virginia, until September 23, 1779, when he was commissioned as a Captain in the Fourth Virginia, and so served doubtless until the close of the war. During the greater part of this service, he was on staff duty, most of the time at the headquarters of Col. Nathaniel Gist. Winters he was usually detailed as a recruiting officer at Staunton, summers always in the field with his chief.

With the scanty authority at command (and it may be stated that a great public library has been assiduously, but vainly searched), it is impossible to fix accurately the part taken by the Eighth and Fourth Virginia Regiments in the war. It is known, however, that Col. Curry himself was at the battle of Brandywine, on the 11th of September, 1777, the first general engagement between the American forces under Gen. Washington's immediate command and the British. He was indeed with the army under Washington through the whole of the disastrous fall campaign of 1777. He participated in the famous battle of Germantown October 4, 1777, and was often heard to recite the stirring incidents of that engagement. A memorandum in the hand writing of the late Otway Curry, his son, describing evidently in Col. Curry's own words the part taken by himself in the battle, may be of interest.

"After Brandywine, the two armies came in close contact at the White House, but our forces crossed the river higher up and encamped at the Eighteen Mile Stone. During our stay at this place, we distinctly heard the cannonading at Mud Fort, and heard also the explosion of the Augusta. The Commanding General having determined to attack the British forces at Germantown, issued a general order for the encouragement of the troops, wherein was displayed, in glowing colors, the recent success of the Northern army under Gates, at Saratoga. About dusk the whole force was in motion, moving directly on Germantown, which was situated on the main road to Philadelphia. Unavoidable delays, occasioned by the ammunition wagons and artillery, together with the fatigues of a night march, so far overcame the watchfulness of the troops that many of the files were actually dozing, and would have halted and slept upon their feet, had it not been for the impulse given them by other files immediately succeeding them. Still farther inconvenience was experienced on account of the road being in many places obstructed by shallow pools of water. The advancing platoons filed off to right and left for the purpose of passing with dry feet, a movement which could not be accomplished without considerable delay. On being acquainted with this circumstance, Gen. Washington rode hastily forward and addressed the officers personally, 'Gentlemen, Officers, I call upon you to exert yourselves. If you keep filing around every mud-puddle in this manner, when shall we reach the enemy?' The effect of this laconic address was very salutary. Officers and privates went forward by common consent with a quicker and firmer step. There was no more going around the puddles, obstacles were unheeded, and there seemed to be no feeling but to reach the British quarters in the quickest time possible.

"About daybreak the advance came upon the picket guard of the enemy at Chestnut Hill, which retreated precipitately, after discharging a field piece to give the alarm to the main body. After a short but rapid pursuit, we found ourselves suddenly confronted by the British lines at Germantown, and in a few moments the random firing, which had been previously kept up, was succeeded by an almost unremitted crash of small arms and artillery, along the whole extent of the contending armies. The morning was darkened by a heavy fog, which blended with the smoke of the firing, had became so thick that we were unable to distinguish the British uniform at twenty paces, and were only assured of their locality by the streams of fire emitted from their pieces, which were leveled toward us. The enemy very soon gave way, and were unable to make a decided stand until nearly noon, when they were re-enforced by a strong detachment from Philadelphia, under the command of Lord Cornwallis. Our troops being imperfectly disciplined and flushed with success, were unfortunately in disorder at this critical juncture, and were in consequence, though not until after a hard struggle, forced literally to retreat from victory. We were pursued by the enemy a distance of two or three miles, until we attained a favorable position on some rising ground, from whence we were enabled to check their progress by a few discharges of artillery. The retreat was then continued some distance beyond the former encampment."

It is a matter of history that Washington was forced to make this battle, which ended in defeat, by public clamor, and against his better judgment.

The army of Washington engaged in no more battles that fall, and as winter approached went into camp at Valley Forge. The sufferings of this camp were often alluded to by Col. Curry, the historical descriptions of which are familiar to all.

The evacuation of Philadelphia by the British, under Sir Henry Clinton, June 18, 1778, opened the campaign of that year. Washington put his army in motion, and following the retreating British, attacked them at Monmouth, N. J., June 28. It was a drawn battle, as history tells, nevertheless the British, fearing to risk a second day's engagement, stole away in the night, and by daybreak were beyond pursuit. It was here that Gen. Washington so severely arraigned Gen. Lee for the disorderly retreat of his troops. Col. Curry was within hearing, and distinctly remembering, was often heard to repeat the stinging words of the great commander. Riding up to Lee, he said: "Sir, what means this disorderly retreat?" "Sir, your raw militia cannot cope with the British regulars," replied Lee. "You have not tried them," said Washington, and wheeling his horse rallied the flying columns. Then turning to Lee, he asked, "Will you command?" "Yes," exclaimed the discomfited officer, "and I will not be the first to leave the field." Neither was he, but for the rest of the day carried his troops valiantly through the hottest of the fight.

Col. Curry remained with the army in the field until the winter following, when he was detailed for the recruiting service, and stationed at Staunton. In the spring he returned to the army and was on active staff duty, following the fortunes of the army of Washington throughout the year. The winter of 1779 found him again at Staunton as a recruiting officer. Again in the spring of 1780 we find him in the field, and as active operations were this year transferred to the Carolinas, his experiences were uneventful. The following winter he was again at Staunton, recruiting men, but he seems to have returned early to the army, for he was one of the 700 veteran Virginians detached and ordered to the relief of Gen. Lincoln, who was defending Charleston, S C. Col. Curry's story of the march to the succor of that beleaguered city is remembered as of thrilling interest. The column started from Philadelphia in February, 1781. The snow was the deepest that had ever been known, and was badly drifted. It was crusted over, however, as to uphold horses and wagons, and was so deep that artillery even could be hauled over the tops of the fences. But in low places and along the streams wagons and artillery were constantly breaking through, entailing the hardest work to get them again onto solid snow. Reaching the neighborhood of Charleston. they were taken into small boats in an endeavor to enter the city by water at night; they had a sorry time, however, drifting about in the harbor, frequently losing sight of the city's lights, and were finally compelled to board a French vessel, and remain till morning. Col. Curry was never weary telling of that night's adventures in Charleston Harbor. Among other things, he used to repeat the good French Captain's words of encouragement, "The English can *no possible* take Charleston." But they did take it, nevertheless; the next morning, April 7, 1781, they rowed into the city, entering it just two days before the British blockading squadron closed the harbor. Two days more and they would have been spared the consequences of Gen. Lincoln's surrender, for they could not have passed the cordon of British troops which forbade a land approach. For more than a month the beleaguered Americans defended themselves, with heroic fortitude, soldiers and citizens combated every British approach, but were finally on the 12th of May compelled to succumb. The capitulation put the American troops on parole as prisoners of war, and for some months Col. Curry was compelled to a life of inactivity. During the siege, the Colonel was severely wounded in the hand by the bursting of a shell. After the surrender, the American officers were treated with much distinction by their British captors. An incident, often related by Col. Curry, exhibits the wonderful agility of the man at this time, and the dexterity to which he had arrived in the use of the sword.

Out walking one day in the environs of the city, accompanied by a party of British officers, a rabbit was espied. Drawing his sword he made a plunge, and spitting the unfortunate animal, turned, and with a polite bow, extended it to the principal officer of the party.

While lying at Charlestown, he figured, too, in an affair of honor, no less than a duel, between his chief, Gen. Nathaniel Gist (for whom he was a second), and Gen. Wade Hampton, ancestor of the celebrated South Carolinian, now bearing that name. But one shot was fired and the matter was settled without bloodshed.

His account of the duel, as well as of another in which he was one time during the war a second, is well remembered. In the other affair, he supported a Capt. Kirkpatrick, a fiery Irish officer, who engaged a Capt. McCook.

In this encounter Capt. McCook was severely wounded, and so hot was the contest that a tragedy was barely avoided. Duels in those days were, however, of frequent occurrence amongst officers, and Col. Curry seemed never to attach much importance to the part he had played in the two referred to.

From the surrender of Charleston, even the principal points in the military career of Col. Curry are involved in doubt. The length of time he was on parole as a prisoner of war is uncertain, but it is a family tradition that it was for fourteen months, during which time he "was not to cross any river, bay, or arm of the sea, nor to go farther than five miles into the country." On the other hand, it is claimed that the young officer was early exchanged and was in the fall following at the siege of Yorktown, October 19, 1781. Certainly Gen. Lincoln was there, as was most of the army which had been humiliated the May before in South Carolina. But whether at Yorktown or not, he was in the service until the close of the war, and is thought to have been with Washington when the great leader made his triumphant entry into New York City, November 25, 1783. The term of Col. Curry's service is furthermore fixed beyond dispute by the wording of an old land patent, dated March 16, 1816, and signed by James Madison, President.

This patent recites that "in consideration of military service performed by James Curry, a captain (sic) for six months more than six years, to the United States in the Virginia line, on Continental establishment * * * * * * there is granted by the United States unto the said James Curry, etc."

The fall and winter of 1783 wound up the war of the Revolution, the British evacuating New York and quitting the country the day of Washington's entry. The 4th of December following, the commander-in-chief took farewell of his officers and went to Annapolis, where Congress was in session, where December 23, he resigned his commission.

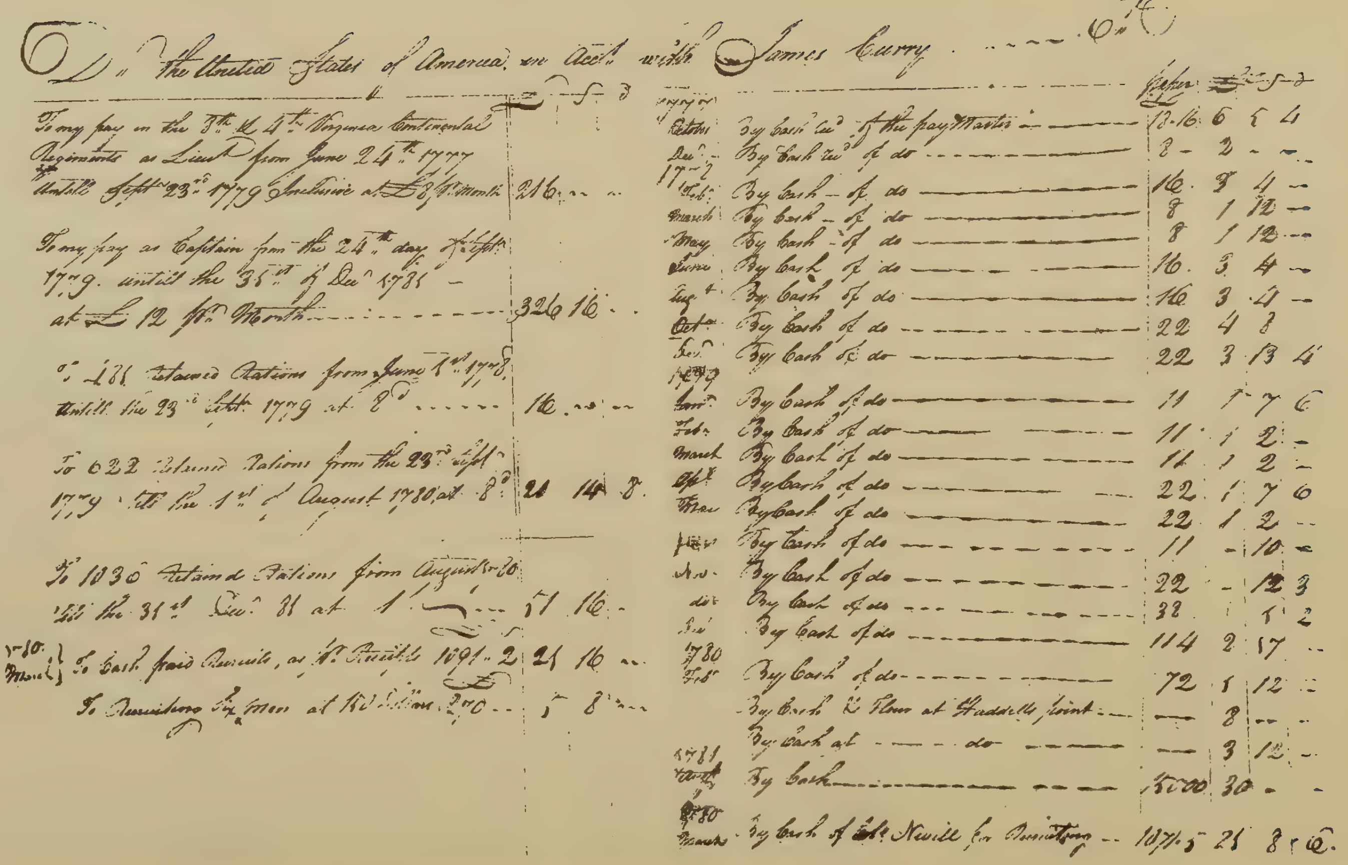
About this time, Col. Curry's commission must have expired, or he had been mustered out of the service, as it is known that he was in Staunton a good part of the winter of 1783–84. He had served his country valiantly and well through the long and bloody struggle for independence, and at the close we find him returned to the avocations of peace, among the foremost of his countrymen shaping and administering the laws of the newly unfranchised country.

Concluding our necessarily imperfect and meager history of Col. Curry's military career, we are happily able to present a fac simile of a statement of his account with the United States during a portion of his service. It is on a great sheet of old-time paper, yellow with age (it must have been written in 1782), and strikingly exhibits in its careful ruling, its regular columns, and beautifully shaped characters, the methodic habits of the man, and the expertness with which he could, when required, handle the pen. It will be noticed that his calculations were in pounds, shillings and pence, and, as indication of the worthless condition to which the currency of the colonies was then reduced, it should be observed that his second column of figures on each page is a showing of the true values of the moneys handled, being but two per cent of the whole. Unlike most accounting officers these times, it will be noticed, too, that Col. Curry was a creditor of the Government he had been serving, having a balance in his favor of some hundreds of pounds.

At Staunton, he filled several important civil offices, amongst others, Clerk of the Court of Augusta County. He was then thirty-one years of age, in the prime of intellectual and physica vigor, and, having rendered conspicuous military services, was entitled to and received the unbounded confidence of the people of that county.

The 20th day of November, 1784, he was married near Staunton to the daughter of a Capt. Robert Burns (then deceased), who had been an honored officer in the Pennsylvania line throughout the war. His home had been at Charlottesville, N. C., where this daughter was born 10th October, 1768. She was a beautiful young girl when married to Col. Curry, scarcely more than half her husband's age, but well educated and of unusual strength of character; and she was simple Mary Burns when married, but the name did not please her husband and it was agreed that it should be changed to Maria. But this did not fully satisfy the ardent man, and his young wife was finally persuaded to answer to the name of Maria Magdalene, by which she was ever after known. The child had been, during the war, a great deal with her father, who, it seems, was an officer of one of the departments of supplies, stationed at many different points. She had thus, though but a mere child, been an eye witness of many of the stirring scenes of the Revolution, and, in after years, recounted with an unfailing memory the numerous thrilling incidents of her army experience. She was a great reader, especially of poetry, and, among all her favorites in the latter years of her life, none stood so high as Robert Burns, with whose family her own was understood to be connected. She was tall of person, and finely formed, her hair luxuriant and dark brown, and her eyes a beautiful blue. She had a tuneful voice of winning sweetness, and must have been withal a charming, handsome woman indeed. She had, too, an extraordinary memory, and could repeat, as she often did to her children, her favorite poets by the hour. Then she was ever telling her children old stories and fairy tales, and the venerable Mrs. Martha, Boal Taylor, of Columbus, who lived in her childhood on an adjoining farm, remembers that it was her supreme delight to get an evening at Mrs. Curry's fireside, and listen to her wonderful accounts of the land of elfs. The late Otway Curry was never weary talking of this mother of his, whose poetic heart had instilled into his own such a love of the beautiful and true. She it was who first turned his eyes to the glory of the starry heavens, and taught him the names of the constellations, and she it was who guided his early lisping tongue to put sweet thoughts and beautiful words into rhythm and rhyme.

Her transition from the life of ease and comfort to which she had been accustomed in Virginia to the wilderness of Ohio must have been a sad trial, but it is in evidence that she accepted her lot, and shared with her husband and children the discomforts of a pioneer cabin cour-



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ageously and uncomplainingly. She died January 10, 1826, on the farm in Jerome Township which her husband had settled in 1811.

But to resume in connected form a narrative of the life of Col. Curry. We find that after marriage he lived for a year in Staunton, and here the first child of the happy couple was born, a boy, whom they named Robert Burns, in honor of the young mother's dead father. This child was born November 2, 1785, dying when grown to manhood, December 7, 1805, at his father's home, in the new State of Ohio. The year 1785 Col. Curry moved to Rockingham C. H., afterward called Harrisonburg, county seat of the newly made county of Rockingham. He engaged in merchandising in this new home, and held the while several offices of trust, both civil and military. He was, amongst other things, Brigade Inspector of the Seventh Brigade, a salaried position of much importance. It was his duty to attend each place of muster, and "superintend the exercise" of the troops. In this connection, a very interesting paper, in the hands of W. L Curry, signed by Brig. Gen. Isaac Zane, exists, directing "Major" James Curry to attend for the purpose of "superintending the exercises" of the regiments, the several mustering places named, Woodstock, Cunningham's Mill, Harrisonburg and Staunton. It is dated September 26, 1794.

Here a half-sister of his wife, a daughter of her father's second marriage, Peggy, was married about the year 1798, to one Jewitt Gamble, to whom numerous children were born—children whose descendants are to-day scattered all through the South. This Jewitt Gamble was a brother of Robert Gamble, one of Staunton's leading merchants of that day, a man who afterward removed to Richmond, and became one of the heaviest business men of that city and immensely wealthy. He married Letitia, a daughter of Gen. James Breckenridge, and left two sons, one of whom became Governor of Florida and the other of Missouri. One of his daughters married William Wirt, one Chancellor Harper, of South Carolina, and one W. H. Cabill, Governor of Virginia.

In Harrisonburg, Col. Curry greatly prospered, and here his second child, James A., was born, March 30, 1787, who, coming with his parents into Union County, lived to a ripe old age and died March 1, 1874. And here was born a son, Otway, March 30, 1789, who died when but three years old. Here, too, was born Harriet, their first girl child, who died an infant, in her second year. Here, too, was born Harriet Smith, April 3, 1793, who came with her parents to Ohio, was married to James Buck, and died in Union County August 10, 1845.

In the fall of 1797, Col. Curry determined to remove to the territory of Ohio, in which the State of Virginia had reserved an immense tract of land for the use of her soldiers in the war of the Revolution. It was the soldier's *ultima thule*, and glowing accounts of its vast reaches of forest and alluvial bottom lands having reached Virginia, thither flocked the men of war, with their families and friends, in rapidly increasing numbers. Selling his property, Col. Curry with his little family safely sheltered in a great wagon drawn by five horses, started October 5, 1797. for his long journey over the mountains of Virginia. Reaching Morganstown on the Monongahela River, he embarked on a flat-boat and made the remainder of the journey down that stream and the Ohio, and to the confines of the territory of his destination by water.

This voyage was very tedious, some six months having been consumed in making it, and very hazardous. The winter of 1797–98 was a hard one, the rivers full of ice and floating trees, so that very often the devoted family thought themselves doomed to destruction. However, the mouth of the Scioto River was finally entered, and after weeks of contest against its angry current, the wanderers at length reached what was afterward known as High Bank Prairie, Ross County, landing April 1, 1798. Here Col. Curry erected his first house, a cabin without door, floor, or window, in which he lived for two years. He then removed to the present site of Greenfield, Highland County, where, for eleven years, he lived and cultivated the land. Here three children were born—Stephenson. December 3, 1801, who died in Union County, April 2, 1861; Otway, March 26, 1804, who died in Marysville February 15, 1855; and Louisa, July 21, 1807, who came with her parents to Union County, where she married Nelson Cone and still lives. The settlement at Greenfield was a prosperous and healthy one, numbering some 200 souls; and during the whole of Col. Curry's residence there, not a physician lived in the place. The nearest doctor was at Chillicothe, twenty miles away, and when sickness did occur, Col. Curry was always called upon for prescriptions. He was surgeon, too, for broken limbs and fractured bones, but it is not recorded that he ever undertook to amputate an offending member.

Col. Curry held but one office, we believe, while living in Highland County, that of Brigade Inspector. His service as an officer in the Revolutionary army was, of course, well known, and he had been often urged to take a part in military matters, but had steadily refused. Duncan McArthur had been for a long time the Inspector, but had, for some reason, become unpopular, when, one general muster (1806 probably), it was decided to oust him. An officer named Christian Platter said, "Let's elect a man who has some sense," whereupon the voters, with one single exception, cast their ballots for Col. Curry (McArthur getting just one vote), who had, at once, though protesting and unwilling, to take the office. McArthur, who had before this been a frequent visitor and an industrious reader of the Colonel's ample library of books, never again entered Col. Curry's door. At the next election, Col. Curry peremptorily refused, and Gen. McArthur was again given the place. In this connection an amusing story is told.

McArthur was so elated that he broke in three barrels of whisky, inviting the boys to help themselves as they desired and be happy. A grand old carousal, worthy the time and the men, followed. Col. Curry's horse got loose, and going home, warned the family to send for its master. His son, James A., started immediately, and midway met a man named Hamilton, drunk and happy. He was sober enough, however, to declare that the "muster was over; that it had been a glorious time; that there had been a great outpouring of spirit, and that over 300 souls were down!"

Col. Curry brought with him warrants for many thousand acres of land, issued for military services. He had also a warrant for 9,000 acres issued because of money paid into the treasury of the State of Virginia. The military warrants were variously laid, portions in what is now Ross and Highland and Fayette Counties, Ohio, one of a thousand acres in Southwestern Kentucky, and in 1807, one of a thousand acres (Survey No. 1,440) in what is now Jerome Township, Union County. Other warrants were intrusted to a man by the name of Harrod, the founder of Harrodsburg, Ky., and lost.

The treasury warrant was never laid. The old Colonel had too much land, so he kept this warrant to look at, satisfied and doubtless gratified to think that some day his grandchildren could use and enjoy it. But alas for the uncertainty of human calculations, after his death, the warrant fell into the hands of Silas G. Strong, was lost and never recovered. Years after, when the matter came to be investigated, the State of Virginia was found to have no lands left upon which a warrant could be laid, and as the United States Government could never be persuaded to father the treasury land debts of the mother of States, that 9,000-acre principality was found to be eternally gone. Nevertheless, the writer was once told in Richmond that the State had doubtless a good many mountain peaks yet untaken, whereon the warrant or its re-issue might be laid.

The year 1811, Col. Curry removed himself and family to the Jerome Township land. His son, James A., had, in company with a man by the name of Joseph Bell, gone up the winter before and made a clearing on the place now owned by W. W. Curry, and a man named Call had cleared a portion of the present farm of John Nonemaker, and erected a cabin. In the Call cabin Col. Curry began life in a wilderness for the third time. The country was practically unsettled, only a few houses being scattered along the Darby, and Indians were everywhere. The savages were far from being peacebly disposed, and as the war with England of 1812 was impending. the most serious consequences to the family of Col. Curry were feared, as the result of his rash removal to the wilds of Madison County. Illustrative of the dangers then supposed to attend such a residence, an old letter addressed "Col. James Curry, Madison County, Ohio, to the care of Mr. Cadwalader Wallace, Chillicothey," is a point. This letter, postmarked Harrisonburg, Va., February 16, 1813, bears the following request: "Mr. Wallace will oblige Alex Herring (the writer), by forwarding this to Col. Curry, as it is probable he has moved from his residence in Madison County, for fear of the Indians." The Colonel, nevertheless, had not removed from his newly made home, where the letter finally reached him. But the family had many frights, and not a few thrilling adventures. An experience of unusual interest is narrated elsewhere, when the brave mother, arming her two children, Stephenson and Otway, made ready to defend her little home against savage assault. In this home and on this farm, now owned, as stated, by John Nonemaker, Col. James Curry lived the remainder of his days. The territory was then Madison County, and the Colonel was no sooner well located than his fellow-citizens returned him to the Legislature of the State, representing the district composed of Delaware and Madison Counties. This was for the session of 1812–13, when the capital was at Chillicothe. The nomination was altogether unexpected, and of course unsolicited. As proof of this, Mr. James Cone, of Jerome, remembers reading, when a chunk of a boy, a letter, dated at Delaware, and signed by a committee, stating that a convention of citizens had without consulting him, presumed to place his name at the head of their ticket. The letter ended by saying that they hoped he would feel free to give his influence in favor of the ticket so nominated. In wonderful contrast this to the modern way of procuring candidates for office. The succeeding winter, that of 1813–14, the Colonel was again sent to represent the district, the Legislature again meeting in Chillicothe. This session (or possibly the one before) the new capital, Columbus was projected, and the membership must have numbered very many choice spirits. The following letter in the clearly cut chirography of Samuel P. Hildreth, one of Ohio's early historians, and by him signed, shows that there was fun as well as legislation going on at Chillicothe that session:

> MARIETTA, January 20, 1813.
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> MY DEAR COLONEL: Your favor by hand of Col. Barber was duly received, and it is quite pleasing to me that I still retain a place in your memory. I am happy to hear that things go on smoothly in No. 6,* and I would have given all my old shoes to have been with you on that evening when "Crazy Bill"† was initiated in the mysteries of the Directorship of Columbus, that city which is to be the Babylon of Ohio. It must have been a lively and happy evening with you—on one side was Col. Jim's‡ pipe throwing out continued volleys of smoke, on the other Gen. Casse's§ broad mouth throwing out continued volleys of laughter, with here and there interspersed Ludlow's chain

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* A room doubtless of the hotel.

† Who was this?

‡ Col. Curry.

§ Gen. Lewis Cass.

of causes and effects; and the sallies of wit and humor from the rest of the company, all combined, must have had a very happy effect, and would have relaxed the stern muscles of Diogenes had he been there. I should have highly enjoyed the scene could I have been present; but as I could not be, I can console myself with the thought that some of my friends were there and were happy, which to me is at all times a pleasing reflection. I am happy to hear that my friend Ludlow has been successful, as he is really a worthy and deserving man, and will fill the station* with propriety and ability. I am also pleased that the office of Major General has fallen to the lot of Mr. Cass. He will support it with dignity and show to the people of the State of Ohio that its Legislature has not mistaken their confidence. This election will probably put to sleep any further inquiries respecting the Major General of the Second Division. I have to regret that my acquaintance with Col. Curry could not have been longer, but from what few days we were acquainted I feel a growing attachment, which twice that number of years will not obliterate, and believe me, sir, when I say I shall consider that day which introduced you to my acquaintance as one of the most interesting in my calendar. However, I hope and trust that our knowledge of each other is not to end here, but that we shall yet pass many happy hours together.

With sentiments of respect, I am your friend, S. P. Hildreth.

Col. J. Curry, Member of the Legislature, Chilliothe, Ohio.

Col. Curry was returned from the Delaware and Madison district, the winter of 1814–15, and in the session of 1815–16 we find him again a member from that district, the Legislature still convening at Chillicothe. The next year and the first in which the Legislature sat at Columbus, the new capital, 1816–17, the two counties were each given a representation, and Col. Curry's own county, Madison, took up a new man, one Isaac Miner.

The Colonel was not retired to private life, however, for this year (1816) he was chosen one of the electors who met at Chillicothe, and cast the vote of the State for James Monroe of Virginia, for President, and Daniel D. Tompkins of New York, for Vice President. His associates were John G. Young, Abraham Shepherd, Aaron Wheeler, Othniel Looker, John Patterson, Benjamin Hough and William Skinner.

The sessions of the Legislature of 1817–18 and 1818–19, Miner continued to sit for the county, but that of 1819–20, Col. Curry was returned as Madison's representative. This, the eighteenth General Assembly of the State of Ohio, the last in which the Colonel ever sat as a member, was held at Columbus, that "modern Babylon," and it is to be supposed that Mr. Hildreth was there and all the genial spirits who the winter of 1813–14 had made the walls of "No. 6" at Chillicothe echo with sallies of wit and volleys of laughter. This session, a bill for the organization of Union County, was introduced into the Senate by Gen. Foos, then representing Franklin, Madison and Delaware, and passed. The bill went to the House Friday, December 24, 1819, and on motion of Col. Curry was made the order for the following Tuesday, when it was passed and became a law.

June 3, 1811, Col. Curry was made the happy father of another son, his last child, and the only one ever born in Madison County. To this son the name of Robert Burns was given, a very appropriate reproduction of that borne by his first-born child. This son, now an old man with whitened hair, but when last in Ohio as light of heart and as playful as when thirty years younger, yet lives, having years ago removed to the State of Kansas.

The Colonel's only other living child, a daughter, married, as has been stated, to Mr. Nelson Cone, and yet lives in Jerome Township in sight of the spot where seventy-two years ago her parents first made their home. A venerable, intelligent, gentle woman, though sadly afflicted, she still lives, the joy of her household, respected, loved, revered by every one, kin and stranger, who comes within her sweet presence.

But though Col. Curry did not again return to the duty of making laws, he was, in the years 1822–23–24–25–26–27 and 1828, one of the Associate Judges of the county who executed them. The courts were held in Milford, and from the April term of 1822 to the August term of 1823, the bench was constituted: John A. McDowell, President Judge, David Mitchell. William Gabriel, James Curry, Associates. The November term of 1823, Gustavis Swan was President Judge, same Associates. April term of 1824, Ebenezer Lane became President Judge, and the same Associates held till the February term of 1826, when Robert Nelson was appointed in place of Col. Curry. October term of 1827, Ebenezer Lane still presiding; Col. C. returned to the bench, displacing David Mitchell. February term of 1828, Gustavis Swan again became Presiding Judge, so continuing Col. Curry, William Gabriel and Robert Nelson as Associates to and including the September term of 1828.

This was the last of Col. Curry's office holding, and as he was now some seventy-six years of age, he was probably quite willing to relinquish into other and younger hands the duties of office, which in either a military or civil capacity he had been with but little cessation fulfilling continuously for fifty years. Full of honors, and enjoying to the utmost the confidence and esteem of the people of the county he had been instrumental in organizing, he at a ripe old age retired to his farm, to spend peacefully, what few days might yet remain for him. Though old in years, he was still strong and vigorous, it is remembered, in body and mind. He succumbed, however, to an attack of apoplexy, dying July 5, 1834, at 10 o'clock A. M. Two days after, his body was laid to rest by that of his beloved wife, who had preceded him some eight years, and the two yet lay side by side in a quiet corner of the old farm, which in 1807 he had covered with Survey 1440. So ceased the life of Col. James Curry. In estimating his character, we have only to point to the fact that while as an officer, civil or military, he achieved no illustrious fame, he was steadily and persistently successful in every position he undertook to fill and failed in none. As a citizen, husband, father, few men excelled him in the respect with which he was held by his neighbors and friends, and in the love and esteem borne him by his wife and children. He had been a captivating man in youth, and Mrs. Nelson Cone now declares that he was the handsomest man she ever saw; she remembers her uncle John's statement that her father and mother were the handsomest couple ever married in Staunton. Mrs. Cone mentions, too, his appearance on horseback, "the finest" she ever saw. He was of medium height, about five feet ten, weighed some two hundred pounds, was very broad across the shoulders and back, and was of wonderful strength and activity. In dress, while not particular on the farm, he was scrupulously exact and neat when going abroad to the legislature or to court. He was of very regular habits and most punctilious as to his children and other members of his household. He would never go to the table, or pay any attention to a notice that a meal was ready, unless asked, "Please come to dinner, father," and when seated the children while small were not permitted to speak aloud. He insisted on perfect obedience, yet was very kind. He kept his money in the till of a chest, and Mrs. Cone remembers that when a child she would frequently find money lying on the floor near by, as if accidently dropped, which she would always carry to her father. His reply invariably was, "Why, how careless. Well, Louise, you can keep it for yourself." As to his political creed, he was an uncompromising Jacksonian Democrat, hating the very name of Federalism. His two sons, Stephenson and Otway, came, however, in time to be anti-Jacksonian, Otway particularly leading in many a wordy, excited debate with his father. These boys, the old gentlemen was accustomed to call his little tories.

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* What position was this?

In religion, he was perhaps more a Baptist than anything else, though he was never a church member. Nevertheless he always said grace at the table, and up to his wife's death, possibly after, conducted family worship each and every morning. Mr. Nelson Cone remembers talking with him as to the division of the Baptists on the communion question, and that he took sides with the "open communion" faction. However, the good man himself tells us what were his religious beliefs away along back in 1782, when a young man of thirty, and it is not known that he had at all changed his sentiments in after years. An old faded, course grained, fool's-cap sheet, dated October 7,' 82, and signed with a fine, flowing hand, James Curry, tells the story:

> Eternal God! I am Thy creature, brought into being by Thy power, and hitherto hast been the care of Thy indulgent providence. Thou madst me happy in my first parents after Thy image, the whole man upright, disposed only to do Thy blessed will. But by the unhappy disobedience of this man I became (as well as the rest of mankind) a sinner. Am by nature a child of wrath, am inclined to evil, to rebel against Thee, my rightful love. Am indisposed to holiness, my heart naturally at enmity with God, nor subject to His law as my choice; and Thou mightest be glorified in my damnation without the least imputation of injustice. I am ruined in myself, and in Thee only is my help. But in the unaccountable power of Thy grace, Thou hast devised a plan, well ordered in all things and sure, by the incarnation, obedience and death of Thine eternal Son, whereby the demands of justice are fully satisfied and a righteousness wrought out, by which sinners of mankind may have a right to eternal life upon God's own terms. The record of Thy Word is that Thou hast given to us (sinners) eternal life, and that this life is in Thy Son, declaring that there is no condemnation to them that believe in Him. Everything has been done on Thy part great God! to convince me of Thy gracious purpose and rich grace. Thou offerest an eternal life in Thy Son. I desire, however unworthy of the unspeakable grace, to credit Thy Word, and to believe that Jesus Christ is both an able and willing Savior, and that depending on Him I shall not perish, and that He has made a sufficient satisfaction to justice for my sins, and that in His righteousness imputed I shall stand complete in all the Word of God. I make choice of Jesus Christ as my only Savior, in all His offices as my Teacher, Savior and Ruler, looking to be saved from sin in its dominion and consequent wrath through Him, depending on Him alone as the foundation of all my hopes, for every blessing and grace I need. In Him do I desire to make choice of God the Father as my Heavenly Father, and the Holy Spirit as my guide, director and sanctifier, God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to whom I surrender myself, as my God and everlasting portion. Believing in this, I do what is the will of God. In evidence of the sincerity of my soul in this solemn transaction, I subscribe unto the Lord with my hand. JAMES CURRY.
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> October 7, '82.

This was written along toward the close of his army life, when a young, unmarried man, and must be taken as the sum of his convictions as to religion. No sect is favored, no creed proclaimed; but what a grand, though simple, expression of faith in God, in Jesus Christ, and in the the efficacy of the Christian's plan of salvation! The unbelieving reader will hardly repress an emotion of exultation at the eloquent simplicity of this hundred-year-old piece of parchment, coming as it were from the tomb, to warn and convict. It almost surpasses belief, that the grand old soldier was, indeed, never an acknowledged member of any one of the churches of that day.

"Uncle" David Winget, who lived years in his family, says that he was reserved in manner, but a good talker when aroused and encountering a peer. He was a great reader, and had, for that day, a very large library of books, historical, religious, scientific and poetic. About every newspaper then published in America came to him as a regular subscriber, and the writer has now in possession piles of such, running back to the Revolutionary war, and beyond, carefully stitched (by his own hand, doubtless), for preservation. Few men of that day were more intelligent than Col. Curry, whose advice, on all matters (so Mr. Winget says), business and social, was sought by everybody.

He was hot tempered, but ever courteous. His hair was dark and closely cut; forehead high and broad; eyes hazel; nose straight; chin as shapely as could have been molded. His face, always closely shaven, is said to have nearly resembled that of his son, James A.

Such, finally, is what the writer hereof can make out of the few facts obtainable of the life of Col. James Curry. Books have been searched, and letters written, with a diligence and labor little imagined; but it must be, after all, confessed to small purpose. The great State of Virginia is absolutely without a history in detail of the grand part taken by her sons in the war of the Revolution. A letter written to the writer by a distinguished citizen of Augusta County, confesses that there is no history of that county in the war of the Revolution extant; and yet it was that day the principal one in wealth and population of the State. It comprised, indeed, everything west of the Blue Ridge Mountains, covering the famous valley of Virginia, between the Ridge and the Alleghanies, into which it was Washington's declared purpose to retire if defeated north of the Potomac, and with his trained army of Spartan followers defend himself and his country to the last.

CAPT. JAMES A. CURRY, deceased. The subject of this sketch was born in Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co., Va., March 30, 1787. When eleven years of age (1798), his father, Col. James Curry, removed with his family to Ohio, and effected a settlement in Highland County, twelve miles from Chillicothe. Highland was then the border of an unexplored wilderness, extending west and north over the entire State. The red man still claimed it as his heritage, and the wild animals roamed at will over its hills and valleys. Young Curry, then a boy of twelve summers, possessing to some extent the fearlessness and spirit of Boone for hunting, longed for an adventure. He attired himself in his hunting costume, which consisted of a tow shirt and buckskin pants, and with his game-sack and rifle and a dozen dogs, five of which were his own, he started out, and after a tramp of several hours encountered a bear, which he killed. It was the largest of its species known to have been killed in Highland County. On one occasion when but a lad, he made a trip of 100 miles to get a physician to attend on a sick brother. His route lay through a densely-wooded forest, and the distance was traveled principally during nights. February, 1811, in company with Joseph Bell, he came to what is now Union County. The snow was two feet deep, and with these surroundings they felled some trees and erected a "half-faced camp," which served as a shelter for them during the spring and summer. The situation of the camp was about forty rods northeast of Sugar Run Falls. Here he cleared a field and raised a crop of corn. The latter part of the summer he went back to Highland County, and in the fall returned to Union County, accompanied by his parents. Early in the summer of 1812, he enlisted with a company of forty-day volunteers, and with the necessary military equipments, mounted his horse and went to Urbana, where he joined a company of horse from Highland County, and served in Col. Carr's regiment. On his way to Urbana he followed the paths and made the whole trip without seeing a single person. His steed, "old Jack," although an animal twenty-one years old, served him efficiently during his military career. In February, 1813, Capt. Curry (he having been previously chosen to that rank), was ordered to report with his company for duty and join the army of the Northwest, under Gen. Harrison. He was camped at Delaware, Upper Sandusky, Wapakoneta, Falls St. Marys and Fort Meigs. After the war closed, he was offered a Captaincy in the regular army, which he declined. Capt. Curry had come to Ohio when young, and his advantages for an education were very limited, but through his own diligence and efforts to secure learning, he acquired a good education, which was of great practical use to him in after years. The chief elements of his education, and in which he displayed a marked thoroughness, were geography, natural philosophy and history. Natural philosophy was so easily mastered by him that he gave it the version of "natural simplicity." In boyhood he formed strong tastes for reading, and his extensive knowledge was all obtained through the avenues of literature. He was a man wholly self-acquired, and no doubt the best historian in the county. A man of strong conversational powers, he was able to entain any one in the most pleasing manner. As a man, he was generous and hospitable, and never turned from his door the needy and distressed. He died near New California, March 1, 1874, aged eighty-seven. March 18, 1817, he was married to Miss Phebe Winget, a daughter of Stephen and Hannah Winget, natives of Washington County, Penn. They removed to Madison County, Ohio, in 1801. Mrs. Winget was, before her marriage, a Cary, and was a distant relative of Alice and Phebe Cary, and also of Hon. Samuel F. Cary. Mrs. Winget was left a widow in 1807, with six children. She died in 1860, aged eighty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Curry reared a family of ten children—five sons and five daughters, viz.: John: Harriet, widow of William Baird; Nancy; Mariah, widow of John Woodburn; James, deceased; Samantha, deceased; William W.; Phebe, wife of W. H. Williams; David; and James A., deceased, who died in the army. Mrs. Curry is still living on the old homestead at the advanced age of eighty-four years. She is enjoying good health, and in possession of all her mental faculties. She spent two days at the "world's fair," in 1882, and there saw the improvements of the country of threescore years, which was all accomplished under her observation. John Curry, the eldest son and child, was born in Jerome, December 22, 1817. December 9, 1845, he was married to Tabitha W. Gill, daughter of Jesse Gill, by whom he has had eleven children, viz.: Allen T., Lewis C., Thomas H., Frank P., Olive C. (wife of J. D. McCampbell), Jesse G., Stephenson, Jennie, Mantie, James E. and John M. Mr. Curry owns a valuable farm of 347 acres, and is a successful farmer and stock-raiser. Mrs. Curry is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically, Mr. Curry is Democratic.

STEPHENSON CURRY (deceased) was born on the site of Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio, December 3, 1801. He was a son of Col. James Curry, well known as one of the earliest pioneers of Union County. Mr. Curry emigrated to Jerome Township, with his parents, in 1811, when but ten years of age, and settled in the unbroken wilderness, which was thickly infested with Indians and native animals. Here he passed his early life and received his education, which was limited to the schools held in log cabins. During the war of 1812, there was scarcely an able-bodied man left in the settlements along Darby and Sugar Run, and their families were in great danger and in constant fear of being massacred by the Indians. In 1812–13, Stephenson's father, Col. Curry, was called to Delaware, to assist in organizing a regiment of soldiers, leaving him and his brother Otway with Mrs. Curry, hemmed in by the woods, and with no neighbors nearer than John Kent and family, who resided a mile and a half away. One day, during Col. Curry's absence, the horses were attacked by the wolves, and stampeded with such a noise as to make Mrs. Curry believe the Indians were going to attack their home. Young Stephenson, then but a boy of eleven years, but with the coolness of an old backwoodsman, took down the two rifles, and, loading one, placed his younger brother Otway as a sentinel at the fence, in rear of the cabin, and while he attempted to load the other, the charge became fastened in the barrel. The two boys stood on guard for some time, ready to meet the invasion of the red skins. When night came on, they, with their mother, went to John Kent's house and spent the night. The next morning, on their return with some of the neighbors, they found that the wolves had attacked the horses, badly injuring one of them, but that no Indians, or traces of them, were to be found. One of the old, flint-lock rifles used on this occasion is still in possession of the family. Mr. Curry spent his early life and manhood in clearing up the old homestead, and remained on a part of it till his death. November 18, 1830, he was married to Miss Sarah D. Robinson, daughter of James and Jane (Morrison) Robinson. Mrs. Curry was born in Darby Township, April 14, 1806. In their married life they were blessed with eight children, viz.: Louisa, widow of William Thompson; Jane, wife of Taber Randall; Otway, William L., James, Mary, wife of Andrew Gill; John W., and an infant son, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Curry were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Curry united himself with that body about 1835–36, and Mrs. C. 1824–25, of which she was a devoted and consistent member for fifty years. Mr. Curry was a Ruling Elder for over twenty-five years, and was an active member till his death, which occurred April 2, 1861. Mrs. Curry survived him till November 11. 1881. For half a century Mr. Curry guided the plowshare and wielded the ax in clearing up the forest. Born and bred a hardy pioneer of the West, trained to the use of the trusty rifle, yet amid all these difficulties and hardships, he found time for study and meditation. He possessed a mind richly stored with knowledge, which he was ever free to impart to all, and many were the stories of his adventures and experiences he was wont to relate, around the old family fireside. He was a man over six feet in height, straight as an Indian, and of great strength and activity, and, perhaps, did as much hard work as any other man in the county in his day. As a friend, Mr. Curry was warm and steadfast, ever ready to espouse the cause of the weak, and, in his church associations, was beloved and esteemed for his forbearance and piety. In politics, he was a Whig until the breaking up of the old Whig party, and afterward he was a Democrat.

WILLIAM W. CURRY, farmer, P. O. New California, third son of Capt. James A. and Phebe Curry, was born on the old Curry homestead April 11, 1832. His youth and early manhood was passed in his native place, and his training received in the select schools of New California. He was first married September 17, 1861, to Catharine Nonemaker, who died March 1, 1871, leaving three children—Charles E., Mary L. and Addison S. February 18, 1873, he was married to Miss Jennie Harris, daughter of Guy and Nancy Harris. Mrs. Curry was born in Wood County, Ohio, and died January 3, 1879. Two daughters were the fruits of this union, namely: Effie A. and Bertha. Mr. Curry's third marriage occurred February 10, 1880, to Miss Nancy, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Bain. She was born in Greene County, Ohio, January 13, 1840. Mr. Curry's father deeded him his farm, which contained ninety acres. He pursues the avocation of farming and raising Poland-China hogs. His political opinions are Democratic.

BEVERLY DEPP, farmer, P. O. New California, was born in Powhatan County, Va., November 13, 1826. His father, Stephen Depp, was a slave for thirty years, and was liberated at his master's death in 1830, when he received, as his share of the estate, 143 acres of land in Jerome Township and a year's provisions. In 1836, he removed with his family and located on it. The farm was all woodland and Mr. Depp was numbered with the early settlers. He married Lydia Knuckles, and died November 12, 1861, leaving her a widow with six children, of whom Beverly is the eldest. He aided his father to clear up the farm. In 1854, moved on Abraham Depp's farm, which he rented for twenty-seven years. He bought forty acres in 1865 and has made additions till he now owns a farm of 103 acres. May 2, 1850, he married to Rachel Mallory, by whom he has had ten children, viz.: William H.. Rachel J. (wife of Alpheus Geeder), Augustus, Katie, Jerelene, Charles E., Delila E., Beverly, Rosa and Lizzie (deceased). Mrs. Depp departed this life August 9, 1869. Mr. Depp is a successful farmer and a highly respected citizen. In politics he is a stanch Republican. He has taken an active part in educational matters.

JOHN K. DODGE, farmer, P. O. New California, ex-Commissioner of Union County, was born in Jerome Township November 17, 1833. He was a son of Judah Dodge, who was born in Vermont, January 23, 1796. His father, Judah Dodge, Sr., moved with his family to Union

County at the beginning of the war of 1812, and settled on the Crocker Smith farm in Darby Township. Some years later he moved to Jerome, locating on a farm of seventy acres. In 1836 he purchased a tract of 400 acres near New California. This whole farm was then covered with a dense forest, without an improvement, save a rude log shanty, which had been erected by the Indians. Mr. Dodge died on the farm in May, 1856. He had filled the office of Justice of the Peace a number of terms and was otherwise officially identified with Jerome Township. He entered the county at the time of the last war with Great Britain and was familiar with its early settlement, organization, and the growth and development of it up to the date of his death. Judah Dodge, Jr., was but seventeen when his parents came to the West, and he spent the remainder of his minority in clearing up the land his father located. July 4, 1816, he was married to Elizabeth Kilgore, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, January 20, 1799, and by whom he had nine children, of whom our subject is the third son and seventh child. In 1867, Mr. Dodge sold his farm and removed to Marysville, where he died April 23, 1870. He was for fifteen years an exhorter in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a man of honor and highly respected. Mr. Dodge, the subject of this sketch, was reared and brought up on the farm and was educated in the common schools of Jerome Township. November 29, 1855, he married Miss Rebecca Rudolph, a daughter of John and Julia Rudolph. Mrs. Dodge was born in Delaware County, Ohio, July 1, 1833. Nine children were the fruits of this marriage, viz.: Andrew J. (married Flora E. Harrington), John R. (married Ella B. Boring), Glenna M. (wife of Elbert Bonnett), Thomas J., Jennie R., Tella A., William M., Ottie J. and Frank E. In 1857, Mr. Dodge moved into Mill Creek Township, and in 1865 took up his residence on his present farm. He owns 509 acres of well-improved and highly-cultivated land. His occupation is agriculture and stock-raising ; in the latter pursuit he has dealt extensively for the last twenty years. Mr. Dodge has by his energy and careful business management achieved a reasonable success in the accumulation of property. He was Trustee of Jerome Township two years and member of the Board of County Commissioners one term. His attention has been given almost entirely to his farm, and he ranks with the successful farmers of the county.

ANDREW J. DODGE, farmer, P. O. New California, eldest son of John K. Dodge, was born in Mill Creek Township July 7, 1857. He was brought up on a farm and received his education in the select schools of New California and at the National Normal at Lebanon, Ohio. He taught school two terms in Jerome Township, and September 20, 1877, he was married to Miss Laura E. Harrington, a daughter of Nathaniel and Lucinda Harrington, of Plain City. Mrs. Dodge was born in Jerome Township, February 16, 1857. Mr. Dodge moved to his present farm in March, 1878, and is engaged in farming and raising and dealing in stock. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DAVID DORT, deceased, an old and respected pioneer of Jerome Township, was born in New Hampshire November 25, 1801. He was a son of Titus and Charlotte (Clark) Dort, who were natives of Massachusetts, and came to Franklinton, Franklin Co., Ohio, in 1811. They subsequently removed to Darby Plains, Madison County, where Mrs. Dort departed this life. Mr. Dort died at Frankfort, about 1840. At an early age, David was apprenticed to the blacksmith trade, which he followed till 1835. In 1836, he was married to Sarah A., daughter of Thomas and Barbara Gray, the former a native of Delaware and the latter of Virginia. They moved to Ross County, Ohio, in 1815, and in 1821 came to Darby Plains, and afterward went to Keokuk, Iowa, where they died in 1844 and 1849, respectively. Mr. Gray was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mrs. Dort was born in Loudoun County, Va., June 4, 1813. Her great-grandfather came from Europe, and was one of the first Baptist ministers in America. Mr. Dort removed with his family and settled on the farm now occupied by his widow in 1845. He purchased 125 acres of land and cleared and improved it to a good condition. He was an energetic and persevering man, and made all that he owned by his industry. In politics, he was Democratic till the war broke out, when he joined the ranks of the Republican party and was, during his subsequent life, an earnest advocate of its doctrines and principles. During the war he was active in behalf of the Union, and did much in the way of providing for the soldiers and their families. He was not a member of any church, but was inclined to the doctrine of the Congregational Church. He aided in many charitable and benevolent enterprises, and was a man of integrity. He died September 16, 1881, leaving a widow and one son.

JAMES B. DORT, deceased, was born near Plain City, in Madison County, June 25, 1817. His parents, Titus and Charlotte (Clark) Dort, were natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively, and came West in 1811 and located near Columbus, where Mr. Dort was in the employ of the Government as a blacksmith for Gen. Harrison's army, two years. In 1814, he removed to Darby Township, Madison County, and located 364 acres of land, which he occupied till 1840, when he removed to Jerome Township and purchased a small farm of ninety acres. He died in March, 1843. He had served Madison County as Commissioner two terms, and in the office of Justice of the Peace nine years. Mr. Dort, the subject of this sketch, was reared to manhood on a farm. In 1837, he went to Wayne County, Mich., and in 1843, located permanently in Jerome Township, which he served as Justice of the Peace and Treasurer. June 25, 1840, he was married to Martha A. Fox, daughter of Chester and Susanna Fox, by whom he had nine children; of these four are living: Susanna, wife of S. H. Ruehlen; Deiadamia, wife of Calvin McDowell; and Horace M. Florilla, Chester T., Samuel L., Electa B. and Martha A. are deceased. Mr. Dort was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church till his death, and was for several years an active worker in the Grange. Horace M. Dort, third child living, was born near New California, February 4, 1853. He was brought up to farming and followed that avocation till April, 1879, when he engaged in merchandising. He carries a stock to the amount of $2,200, and has annual sales of $10,000. March 30, 1878, he was married to Miss Emma Morgan, a native of Delaware County, Ohio, and a daughter of C. M. and Louise Morgan. Mrs. Dort was born January 28, 1856. Two children were born to this marriage, viz.: Lyle E., born October 9, 1874, and Guy, born June 10, 1878.

J. B. DOUDNA, farmer, P. O. Jerome, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, December 2, 1830. His parents, William and Lydia (Bailey) Doudna, were natives of Belmont and Guernsey Counties, respectively. The former was born in 1806, and the latter in 1812. His grandfather, John Doudna, was born near Raleigh, N. C., November 9, 1778, and his wife, Anna Doudna, was a native of the same place. His great-grandfather, John Doudna, the first of the name, it is supposed, was born in England. When about four years old he was stolen by a crew of sailors who kept him till he was a young man, when he made his escape. He was distinguished as John, and afterward nicknamed "Doudna," which name he adopted. He married Sarah Knorvas, who was born May 23, 1756, and moved to Belmont County, Ohio, in 1803. He died in 1811. He was the parent of fourteen children, of whom two are now living. Our subject's maternal grandparents, Henry and Elizabeth Bailey, came from North Carolina to Ohio in 1802, and settled in Guernsey County. The great-grandfather, Jesse Bailey, was born February 1, 1787. His wife, Mary Bundy, was born June 16, 1787, and died August 31, 1847. The subject of this sketch is the eldest of eight children. He was reared to manhood on a farm, and was educated in the common schools. In 1850, he came to Union County and followed the carpenter trade till 1877, when he turned his attention to the farm. March 16, 1851, he was married to Lucinda, daughter of Peter and Margaret Crotinger. Mrs. D., a native of Knox County, Ohio, was born March 12, 1831. Eight children were born to this union; of these seven are now living, viz.: Manasseh W., Charles F.; Phebe R., wife of William McCarty; J. Frank, Helen O., George M. and Harry H. Ephriam M. is deceased. Mr. Doudna located on his present homestead in 1860. He owns a good farm of 111½ acres, and for the last six years has been engaged in farming. He served as Township Clerk fourteen years, and is a member of the society of I. O. O. F.

JOHN W. EVANS, farmer, P. O. Jerome, a native of Frederick County, Va., was born December 12, 1821. His father, William Evans, was born in Wales, and came to the United States with his parents when young. His mother, Christina Lockmiller, was a native of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Evans, the parents of our subject, removed with their children to Ohio in 1837, and settled near Zanesville. In 1839, they moved to Delaware County, and in 1846 to Franklin County, where Mr. Evans died. He served through the last war with Great Britain, as a private. John is the second son and fourth child of a family of thirteen children. He came to Jerome Township in 1842, and worked for nine years in the Beach Ashery. Of these years' earnings he saved enough to buy fifty-five and one-half acres of land. May 18, 1845, he was married to Miss Phebe Green, daughter of Caleb and Catharine Green, by whom he had one child—Catharine A., born August 21, 1846. She married David R. Ashbaugh, and had three children—Ida M., born November 8, 1867; John L., born February 18, 1869, and Earnest L., born July 18, 1871. Mrs. Ashbaugh departed this life October 19, 1880. Mr. Evans owns a farm of 240 acres, and is by occupation a farmer and stock-raiser. He was Trustee of Jerome seven years, and filled other local offices.

ELIJAH K. FOX, retired, Plain City. The subject of this sketch, whose portrait is given in this volume, was born in Hartford County, Conn., August 10, 1821. His father, Chester Fox, was born in Glastonbury, Conn., September 22, 1796, and his mother in Manchester, Conn., February 5, 1798. His paternal grandfather, Amos Fox, of English descent, was born in 1756. He was a Revolutionary soldier under Gen. Washington, and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill, and was present at the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga, N. Y. He died in Hartford County, Conn., March 14, 1832. His wife was born in 1757, and died March 16, 1851. Mr. Fox's (Elijah K.) parents were married in 1817, and, in 1836, migrated to the West, settling in Jerome Township, where Mr. Fox located on 350 acres of land. His death occurred July 7, 1863. Mrs. Fox survived him till October 8, 1881. Six children were the fruits of their marriage. There are three living, of whom our subject is the eldest. He spent his early life in clearing up the old homestead, and has resided in the county ever since, except 1843–44 and 1845, when he was engaged in the Eagle Manufacturing Company, in Glastonbury, Conn. He lived on his farm, near Frankfort, till November, 1881, when he removed to Plain City. January 25, 1849, he was married to Susan M., daughter of Martin and Mary (Keeney) Webster. Mrs. Fox was born in Hartford County, Conn., July 25, 1824. Her parents came to this county in 1849, and afterward removed to Ostrander, where they died. Mr. Fox is one of the few real pioneers of Union County that are now living. He helped cut out and make the road from Frankfort to New California in 1837, and aided many other improvements of the township. He served Jerome as Trustee five terms, and filled various other local offices.

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HENRY FOX, farmer, P. O. Jerome, son of Chester and Susannah (Kinney) Fox, was born in Hartford County, Conn., October 19, 1823. At the age of thirteen, his parents removed and settled near Frankfort, this county. Mr. Fox purchased a farm of 300 acres one and one-half mile west of Frankfort, and, with the aid of his sons, cleared a portion of it. He died July 7, 1863. Mrs. Fox departed this life October 8, 1881, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Henry is the second son of a family of six children, of whom three are living—Elijah K., Henry, and Electa J., wife of William Dunnic, of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Fox spent his early life in clearing up the homestead. Two years after his marriage, he bought 180 acres of land of the heirs of James Stone. Of this farm, he has cleared and well improved a good portion, and is engaged in farming and raising stock. March 10, 1847, he was married to Sarah Kent, daughter of Daniel and Dillie Kent, and grand-daughter of John Kent, one of the earliest pioneers of Union County. Mr. K. was born in Jerome June 23, 1822. Of the children born to this union, the following are living, viz.: Ameret O., wife of Arthur Callier; Cynthia A., wife of Samuel Taylor; Ely, married Jennie Holmes; Chester; Clarinda, wife of Joseph Brobeck; William D., Riley L., Lovina, and Altruda. Mrs. Fox died July 3, 1880. Mr. Fox owns, besides his home farm, fifty acres in Washington Township, and eighty acres in Putnam County, Ohio. He is engaged in rearing sheep and Norman French horses. As a member of an old family, we give the portrait of Mr. Fox in this work.

JESSE GILL, deceased, an old and respected pioneer of Union County, was born in Belmont County, Ohio, October 30, 1804. He was a son of Andrew and Susanna (Hemphill) Gill, who were natives of West Virginia, and of Irish descent. They migrated to Ohio in 1804, and went down the Ohio River in a flat-boat, and settled where Arondale, near Cincinnati, now stands. Mrs. Gill died there, and about the time of the close of the war of 1812 Mr. Gill came to Union County, locating in Union Township, where he purchased 300 acres of land. His death occurred in 1829. Mr. Gill, the subject of this sketch, resided near Milford Center till October 3, 1837, when he moved to Jerome and purchased 194 acres of land, which is now in the possession of Andrew Gill. He was married May 10, 1827, to Miss Jane Cochran, a daughter of James and Mary Cochran. Mrs. Gill was born in Erie County, Penn., December 2, 1806. Five children were born to this union, viz.: Tabitha W., wife of John Curry; Olive A., wife of James R. Mitchell; Eliza M., wife of John M. Roney; Sarah C., wife of J. B. Robinson, and Andrew, the only son. Mr. Gill filled various offices of honor and trust in his county and township. He was once chosen to the Board of County Commissioners, when his party was largely in the minority, thus attesting the confidence which the public had in his integrity and ability, regardless of partisan prejudice. He served Jerome Township, both as Trustee and Treasurer, holding the latter office nine years. In politics he was Democratic in doctrine and principle, and was the leader of his party in local matters. He was Presbyterian in his religious views, and was identified with that church for a number of years. He was a man of honor and uprightness and died highly esteemed, May 14, 1872, as a worthy citizen and pioneer.

ANDREW GILL, the youngest son of Jesse Gill, was born in Jerome Township August 19, 1843. He was reared on the farm and educated principally in the select schools of New California. July 29, 1863, he enlisted to serve six months in Company B, Eighty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was at the surrender of Cumberland Gap, and was employed on garrison duty at the fort, till his term of service expired, when he was mustered out and discharged at Cleveland, Ohio, February 14, 1864. April 9, 1868, he was married to Miss Mary Curry, daughter of Stephenson and Sarah D. Curry. Mrs. Gill was born in Jerome April 9, 1844. They have five children, viz.: Cora, Jesse, Jennie C., Lou and Bessie. Mr. Gill owns the old homestead, which contains 194 acres of well-improved land. He is engaged in farming and rearing stock; for the last ten years he has been engaged in breeding and rearing thoroughbred French horses, which he has exhibited at the annual fairs of the county. One mare "Josephine" which he reared, won the first premiums at the State Fairs of 1878–79. For the last two years he has given considerable attention to bee-raising. He has seventy stands of bees, which produced, in 1882, 2,500 pounds of honey. Mr. Gill was a charter member of the G. A. R. post at Plain City, and is still an active member. Politically he is Democratic. He filled the office of Township Treasurer one term. He and wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of New California.

CHARLES H. GORDON, farmer, P. O. Dublin, Franklin County, a native of Perry County, Ohio, was born December 6, 1817. He is a son of George and Hannah (Hammisfair) Gordon, and a grandson of Charles Gordon, who emigrated from Scotland prior to the American Revolution, and settled in Pennsylvania. He served in the war of 1812, and subsequently removed to Perry County, Ohio, where he died. George Gordon was reared principally in Perry County, where he married and brought up a family. Charles is the eldest of nine children. He was reared and brought up to farming and has pursued that avocation most of his life. He remained on the homestead till 1840, when he engaged in keeping hotel in Gratiot. In 1842, he went to Linville and carried on coopering eight years, then purchased a small farm in Jerome Township, on which he settled. He married April 22, 1841, Miss Clarissa Vandenburgh, by whom he had two children—Daniel L. and Clarissa C., wife of John Windle. Mrs. Gordon departed this life September 8, 1849, and Mr. G. married the second time September 21, 1851, Miss Matilda

Latimer, daughter of Stephen and Dimmis Latimer. Mrs. G. was born in Franklin County, Ohio, February 1, 1830. This marriage was blessed with nine children; seven of these are living, viz.: Stephen T., George C., Nathan H., Livonia, Dimmis, Vallandingham and Ida M.; Nancy L. and Margaret A., are deceased. Mrs. Gordon's parents came to Franklin County, Ohio, in 1815, and in 1840 to this township, where they both died, Mr. Latimer, February 26, 1854, and Mrs. L., September 21, 1872. Mr. Gordon owns a well-improved farm of 186 acres, and is engaged in farming and stock-raising.

JOHN W. GRAY, retired, Plain City, a native of Washington County, Vt., was born August 21, 1809. He is a son of Kalso and Anna (Wilson) Gray, and a grandson of Kalso Gray, Sr., who served in both the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars. The subject of this sketch is the seventh son of a family of twelve children. At an early age he chose the shoe-maker's trade, which he learned and followed seven years. In 1836, he came to Darby Township, Union County, and five years later moved to Plain City, thence to his farm April 1, 1845. Mr. Gray has been identified with the construction of many of the improvements in the county. He was a member of the committee that assessed the land to make the first pike in the county. He served on the Board of Trustees of Jerome twelve years, and as real estate assessor one term. In December, 1844, he was married to Charlotte Phillips, a daughter of Aaron and Hannah Phillips, by whom he had four children, two of these are living—Aaron K. and Clark. Mrs. Gray was taken away by disease May 12, 1852, and in November, 1854, Mr. G. married Mrs. Phila Gudtner, widow of John Gudtner. Five children born to this union are deceased. Mrs. Gray is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Gray owns a valuable farm of 145 acres, ninety acres of which adjoins Plain City.

CAPT. HENRY HENSEL, carpenter, New California, was born in Jerome Township June 24, 1834. His parents, George and Mary (Howell) Hensel, were natives of Pennsylvania. His father was born in 1777, and his mother in 1800; his paternal grandfather came from Germany prior to 1776, and settled in Pennsylvania. His maternal grandfather emigrated to the United States from England, and was a staff officer in the American Revolution. He was the first man to discover Benedict Arnold's treachery. Our subject's grandparents removed to Fairfield County, Ohio, some time after the Revolutionary war. His father came to Delaware County in 1818, and the same year made a purchase of 400 acres of land in Jerome Township. In 1819, he removed to his land near Frankfort where he died January 10, 1847. By his first wife he had three children; two, John and Mary are living. This second wife bore him six children. Of these George, Susan (wife of J. W. Wells), and Henry, are living at the present time. Mrs. Hensel died September 26, 1871. When sixteen, Henry chose the carpenter's trade, serving his apprenticeship with John McConnell, the leading architect of Columbus. He followed carpentering till August 19, 1861, when he enlisted his services in Company E, Thirtieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was elected Second Lieutenant, and in May, 1862, was promoted to First Lieutenant. He fought at Carnifex Ferry and in numerous minor battles. In 1864, he recruited Company C, for the One Hundred and Ninety-first Regiment and went as First Lieutenant, in which capacity he served till March 22, when he was commissioned as Captain. His Company was in Gen. Hancock's Veteran Corps, and participated in the battle of Cedar Creek and other engagements. He served with honor and distinguished bravery, and was discharged in September, 1865. He was tendered a Second Lieutenancy in the Regular Army, but declined the honor. Mr. Hensel returned home and has since followed his trade. 1878–79–80, he was superintendent of carpenter work in the Ohio State Prison. May 26, 1859, he was married to Miss Martha, a daughter of Jacob and Martha Frederick, by whom he has had eight children. The following are living—Anna, Frank H., Mary, Martha and Forest; Frederick H., John F. and Carrie, are deceased.

ROBERT HILL, farmer, P. O. Jerome, a prominent farmer and citizen of Jerome Township, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, November 25, 1823. His father was a native of Ireland, and emigrated to the United States with his father, whose name was also Robert, in 1816, and for six or eight years temporarily lived in Pittsburgh, Penn. On their removal West, they settled in Guernsey County, Ohio, where Mr. Hill (the first) died. Robert, the father of our subject, was a young man when his parents came across. He resided in Guernsey and Tuscarawas Counties till 1858, when he came to Jerome Township; residing there till October, 1873, he removed to Paulding County, where he died in November, 1879. Mrs. Hill (*nee* Nancy Morris) died about 1828–29. She was a native of England, and came to America with her parents. Robert Hill, the subject of this sketch, is the second son and third child of four children, of whom three are living, viz.: Ann E., widow of Jonathan McCullough, of Harrison County; Mary, wife of Hanson Merryman, of Delaware County; Robert; and James, the eldest, who died in McConnelsville, Morgan County, August, 1878. Mr. Hill's mother died in 1828, and he became a member of the household of an uncle, John G. Norris, with whom he remained till of age. He was employed by Mr. Norris in a grist-mill till 1845, when he started out to acquire his own fortune. He spent a few months working as a laborer at the mere pittance salary of \$8.33⅓ per month. In 1845, he came to Mill Creek Township, and first purchased fifty acres of land. He resided on this farm fourteen years, in the meantime making an addition of fifty acres more. On his location in Jerome Township he bought 160 acres, and has made subsequent purchases till he now owns 349 acres of finely improved and highly cultivated land. January 8, 1846, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth M. Rea, a daughter of Samuel and Ruth A. (Robinson) Rea, natives of Harrison County, Ohio, and a grand-daughter of Rev. John Rea, one of the early pioneer Presbyterian ministers of Ohio, of whom a sketch is appended. Samuel Hill was a member of the Coshocton County bar, and was a lawyer of considerable distinction. He was drowned in the Muskingum River February 28, 1833. His widow died February 19, 1881, aged seventy-seven years. Mrs. Hill was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, February 4, 1827. At her father's death, she was taken by her grandfather, Rev. John Rea, and reared to womanhood. Mr. Rea was Irish born, and crossed the Atlantic when eighteen years of age. He first settled in Westmoreland County, Penn., where he married Elizabeth Christy, a daughter of John Christy, who was an early settler in Pennsylvania, and participated in the Indian wars. On an Indian raid, two of his sons, John and William, were captured. They were returning home with the horses, when the redskins made the attack by firing upon them. John, in attempting to escape, was killed. William's horse was shot and fell upon him, and he became a victim of the savages. The first he knew of his brother's death occurred when he saw his scalp suspended to an Indian's belt, and recognized the black locks of hair. William was kept a captive three years, and released and returned to his mother and family. He was adopted by a chief, who treated him very kindly, and of whom he ever afterward spoke in terms of the highest veneration. Rev. John Rea was educated under Catholic discipline, and received a thorough classical training. He removed to Harrison County, Ohio, and was among its earliest settlers. He was pastor of a church at Beech Springs, in that county, for half a century. He was a member of the Philadelphia Synod, and went on horseback from Harrison County to Philadelphia, Penn., several times, to attend the General Assembly. He prepared and delivered an able farewell sermon to the congregation over which he had presided as minister and pastor for so many years, and retired to his home, where he died in February, 1855, at a ripe age. Mr. and Mrs. Hill were blest with thirteen children; of these ten are living, viz.: Flora M., wife of Orange Cutler; Ruth A., widow of W. P. Wentz; G. Rea married Rachel Herriott; Mary I., wife of Lewis Brake; Elizabeth J., wife of Fleetwood Courtright; Samuel C., Frank S., Carrie A., John R. and Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Hill started in life together pioneers, and with few advantages. Together they have shared the difficulties and pleasures, the labor and reward of life. By their combined energy and industry, they have accumulated a sufficient competence. As a representative citizen, we give the portrait of Mr. Hill on another page of this volume.

REV. JOHN REA, D. D., the son of Joseph and Isabel Rea, was born in the village of Tully, Ireland, in 1772; emigrated to the United States when eighteen years of age. After remaining at Philadelphia, Penn., a short time, "I left on foot," said he, "traveled mostly alone through the wilderness, sad, gloomy and dispirited, until after many days I arrived west of the Alleghany Mountains, stopping at the house of Mr. Porter, a Presbyterian minister." He now prosecuted the study of Latin, privately, which he had begun in his native land. To procure temporary means of support, he taught, first a night school, and afterward a day school. In 1793, he married Miss Elizabeth Christy, of Westmoreland County, Penn. They had nine children, seven sons and two daughters, four of whom are still living, and one grandson, Rev. David Thompson, who is laboring in Jeddo, Empire of Japan, under the direction of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. Mr. Rea felt it his duty, even after marriage, to finish his education, already commenced, and if it was the will of his Divine Master, to enter the work of the Gospel ministry; for at his conversion and public profession of religion, he secretly vowed to his God that if He spared his life and gave him strength and grace, he would dedicate himself to the work of preaching the Gospel of Christ. With faith in Jesus, and his eye ever fixed upon his future calling, he labored and struggled on amid many adverse circumstances, with untiring zeal and more than ordinary industry, he worked his way through a literary course of education, teaching school, and studying alternately, until he graduated with honor at Jefferson College, when it was but a small school kept in a log-cabin near Canonsburg, Penn. Mr. Rea was among the first *alumni* of this college, and studied theology under the direction of Dr. John McMillen; was licensed to preach by the Ohio Presbytery, June, 1803, and after some three months' itinerancy in the wilderness of Central Ohio, among Indian camps and the few white settlements, he was appointed to supply the newly organized churches of Beech Springs, Crab-apple and vicinity; for included in the latter was the Nottingham appointment, then considered on the confines of civilization, but now in the midst of a well-improved and densely populated country. After preaching for one year, as stated supply of these congregations, a united call was made out and carried up to the Presbytery, from these churches, in the spring of 1805, for each one-half of the labors of Mr. Rea, which was put into his hands and accepted. He was immediately ordained and installed pastor of said congregations by the Presbytery of Ohio. The country settled up rapidly, and his charges grew as fast, so that it soon became necessary to have the relation between the two churches dissolved, that he might labor all his time at the Beech Springs, with the exception that a portion of his services, at discretion, might be occupied in fostering those vines springing up on his borders; and so untiring and devoted was this servant of Christ, that, besides ministering to the wants of so large a church, he found time to be instrumental in raising up some six or seven separate societies, that went out as colonies from the mother church and are now self-sustaining and prominent congregations. Dr. Rea died of decay of vital powers, February 12, 1855, at his residence near Unionville, Ohio (among the people of his charge, with whom, in part, he first settled), in the eighty-third year of his age and fifty-second of his ministry, greatly and deservedly beloved and esteemed as a citizen, Christian and faithful preacher of "Christ and Him crucified." Whatever else he omitted, he never neglected due preparation for the pulpit; his sermons evinced research, invention and original thought. It might be truly said of him that he was everywhere a living example of a Christian minister. He taught both by precept and daily walk. Mr. Rea established the Nottingham Mission, in 1806, and served it at stated times from the beginning, until 1810, when all his labors were required at Beech Springs, where his pastorate continued forty-five years, and during all this time he was much beloved and appreciated by the people. The older members of the congregation were enthusiastically attached to him, both as a preacher and spiritual adviser, and well they might be, for he was untiring in his exertions for their well-being.

JAMES W. HERRIOTT, deceased, was born in Mercer County, Penn., February 3, 1830. When four years of age, his parents, Samuel and Mary T. (Corey) Herriott, removed and settled in Jerome Township. Mr. Herriott is the third of fourteen children. His early life was spent on the farm, and for an education he enjoyed only the advantages of the common schools. November 9, 1849, he joined himself in marriage with Miss Margery, a daughter of John and Margery Cunningham, who came to Delaware County in 1828. Mr. C. died September 27, 1859, and his wife October 3, 1853. Mrs. H. was born in Delaware County December 29, 1829. Of thirteen children born to this marriage, nine are living, viz.: Jane, wife of William Cox; Mary T., wife of Girard Hughes; Hannah R., wife of R. G. Hill; Maria A., wife of R. S. Fry; Lovina S., William B., Nora R., Laura M. and Frances. Joanna, Margery A., Angeline and Sarah E. are deceased. Mr. Herriott resided in Delaware County till April, 1875, when he purchased the old homestead in Jerome, where he died March 8, 1882. In connection with farming he operated an ashery for nine years. He left a farm of seventy acres, besides fifty acres in Delaware County. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in politics he was of Republican principles.

J. E. HERRIOTT, M. D., physician, Jerome, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, September 17, 1849. He is a son of Ebenezer C. and Elnora Herriott, the former a native of Mercer County, Penn., and the latter of Harrison County, Ohio. Ebenezer Herriott came to the county with his parents, Samuel and Mary T. Herriott, in 1834. They were natives of New Jersey, and of Scotch descent, and died in Jerome Township. In 1848, Ebenezer removed to Delaware County, where he lived till 1856, and returned to Union County. He died August 19, 1871; his wife's death occurred August 19, 1861. Our subject is the eldest of seven children. He received his literary education in the Ohio Wesleyan University of Delaware, and in 1870 began reading medicine with Dr. James Cutler, of Richwood. He attended the Starling Medical College of Columbus, and subsequently the Medical College of Cincinnati, from which institution he graduated in March, 1872. He came to Jerome Post Office, and entered upon the practice of his profession, which he has successfully followed. September 27, 1871, he was married to Saliema, daughter of Abraham and Bell Peters. Two children—Guersant P. and Gertrude May, were born to this union. Dr. Herriott has by close attention to his calling established a large practice. He and wife are associated as members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ANDREW J. HOBERT, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born near Plain City, in Madison County, April 27, 1828. His father was born in Vermont January 3, 1802. His mother dying when he was an infant, he was taken by Samuel Stone to rear, who removed to Madison County, Ohio, in 1816. He was married August 25, 1826, to Margaret Gandy, who was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, November 7, 1811, and came with her parents to Leesburg Township in 1832. In the year 1833, Mr. and Mrs. Hobert settled in Jerome Township, where they both died; the former October 16, 1849, and the latter July 7, 1881. Andrew, the second child, was reared to manhood on a farm, till nineteen, when he took up the cooper's trade, and followed it in Frankfort seven years. He purchased ninety-one acres, settling on it in 1858. He now owns 117 acres of well improved and highly cultivated land. It has a sugar camp of 500 trees, and manufactures about 1,000 pounds of sugar annually. June 6, 1858, he was married to Miss Jane A., daughter of Chester and Emily Pool. Mrs. Hobert was born in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., November 6, 1838. One daughter, Josie M., is the only child. She was born September 26, 1860, and married Prof. W. S. Kennedy. Mamie and Charlie are deceased. Mr. Hobert was a member of the Board of Township Trustees three terms. Politically, he is Republican.

J. S. HOWLAND, M. D., physician, New California, was born in Brown County, Ohio, January 28, 1843, and is a son of Jonathan and Eliza J. (Stewart) Howland, of Brown County; his father's parents were Ichabod and Eliza (Beam) Howland, pioneers in the above county in which they and the father of our subject died; his mother resides at Somerville, this county. He is the third child of a family of ten children, nine of whom are living. His boyhood was principally passed in the counties of Pendleton, Lewis and Mason, in Kentucky, but he received the rudiments of his education at Winchester, Ky,, which was more fully developed at the Lebanon (Ohio) Normal School. October 8, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Seventh Ohio Volunteer

Cavalry, and served with distinction under Gens. Gilmore, Burnside, Sherman and Thomas, and participated in the battles of Somerset, Knoxville, Bean Station, Rogersville, Blaines Cross Roads, Peach Tree Creek, Resaca, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin, Nashville, Ebenezer Church, Selma, Ala., and Columbus, Ga. He served in succession, Corporal, Quartermaster Sergeant, Duty Sergeant, Chief Clerk in Commissary Department, and Chief Issuing Clerk in the Post Commissary Department. The latter place he filled at Atlanta from April 1, 1865, till his discharge July 11, the same year. He then came to Fayette County, where his parents had moved while in the service, and in 1868 embarked in teaching, which he followed till 1875, when he turned his attention to medicine. He read three years with Dr. A. J. Richardson. of Somerville, and took a course in the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati. In February, 1877, he located at New California, and has since been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. January 16, 1868, he was married to Miss Louisa Edgington, a daughter of Jesse Edgington, by whom he has had three children—Orlie, Irene and Jesse. Dr. Howland and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is connected with the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R.

THOMAS JONES, for a number of years a prominent citizen of Union County, was born in Wales July 29, 1823. When eight years of age, his parents, John and Winifred Jones, emigrated to the United States and settled down in Columbus, Ohio, where they both died. Mr. Jones spent his early life in Columbus, and was educated in the public schools of that place. In 1852–53, he came to Union County and purchased 207 acres of land, to which he added by subsequent purchase till his farm contained 300 acres. He also owned a farm of 185 acres on Darby Plains, Madison County. Mr. Jones was a leading and influential citizen, and as a fine stock-raiser was second to none in the county. He was especially engaged in keeping thoroughbred short-horned cattle and French Norman and Clydesdale horses. He was the first man to introduce French horses in the county, and owned one of the first Norman Stallions (Pleasant Valley Bill) that was imported to the United States. In 1857, he bought the Norman mare Doll—the third one of the Norman stock that was imported into America. Mr. Jones was successfully engaged in the fine stock business till he removed to his farm near Delaware, since which time his sons, Charles M. and Albert N., have succeeded him in his useful enterprise. He was married, November 10, 1847, to Marium Newton, who was born in Madison County April 22, 1824. Their union was blessed with six children—Naniet N., wife of Dr. J. D. Jones, of Cleveland, Ohio; Charles M., Albert N., Ellsworth E. and Winifred; Ann, is deceased; Charles M., was born June 9, 1850, and Albert N., November 20, 1850. They reside on the homestead near Plain City.

ARTHUR T. KENTON, farmer, P. O. New California, was born in Mad River Township, Champaign County, February 16, 1824. He is a son of James Kenton, who was a nephew of the celebrated Simon Kenton, whose history is given at length elsewhere in this volume. James Kenton was the second child of nine children, viz.: Polly, James, Elizabeth, Sarah, Jane, Susan, Matilda, William and Richard. Mr. Kenton died in Mad River Township, in 1867, and his wife in Missouri in October, 1872. They were the parents of ten children, of whom four are now living, viz.: Julia, wife of George Gosley; Arthur T., the subject of this sketch; Celinda, wife of William Bates; and William H. H. The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood on the old Kenton homestead, and educated in the common schools of his day. He resided in Roundhead Township, Hardin County, from 1848 to 1854, when he returned to Champaign County and lived on a part of the old homestead till December, 1862, when he removed to his present valuable farm. Mr. Kenton has been an unusually hard-working man, and his industry, combined with rigid economy, has made for him large property. His occupation has been farming and rearing and dealing in stock, in which he has made a marked success. He owns 183 acres of land where he resides, estimated at $70 per acre, and 214 acres in Hardin County, worth $50 per acre. September 12, 1848, Mr. Kenton was married to Rebecca L. Irwin, daughter of James and Christiana Irwin. Mrs. Kenton was born in Ross County, Ohio, August 28, 1826, and died July 27, 1872. They had eight children, viz.: Leonidas M., born June 10, 1849; Florence S., born May 17, 1852, wife of J. Ellis; Ettny, born October 17, 1858; B., born July 10, 1864; and Delia J., born August 29, 1866. James C., Thomas and Lilly R. are deceased.

JAMES KETCH, farmer, P. O. Plain City, an old and respected pioneer of Union County, was born in Canaan Township, Madison County, June 5, 1818. He is a son of Lewis and Sarah (Beach) Ketch, the former a native of York State, and the latter of Vermont. Mr. Ketch was born March 29, 1795, and Mrs. Ketch June 9, 1797. They were married March 6, 1814, and the following fall removed to Darby Township, Madison County, where Mr. Ketch died January 7, 1823. Mrs. Ketch was the mother of four children. She married for her second husband Parley Converse, and bore him five children. When but six years of age our subject was placed in the family of John Irwin, the father of Gen. William Irwin. He was reared till thirteen by Mr. Irwin, and for an education had the privileges of the common schools. In 1831, Mr. Irwin died, and young Ketch went to Madison County, and after spending one year returned to Union Township and worked at the carpenter trade with Gen. Irwin. He followed his trade up to 1844, when he purchased forty-four acres of his present farm. Of this all was woodland with no improvements except a log house, which had been partly erected. Everything dwelt in the wild dominion of nature, and deer, wolves, and other wild animals were numerous. Mr. Ketch began the work of clearing and improving the farm, and made additions till he now owns 130 acres. Mr. Ketch was married, December 15, 1839, to Miss Rhoda Converse, daughter of Jeremiah and Malinda (Derby) Converse, natives of Vermont. Mrs. Ketch was born in Madison County, Ohio, January 31, 1817. This union was blessed with ten children; of these seven are living—Lester W., married Sarah N. Conklin; Malinda D., wife of Isaac D. Mapes; Louisa R., formerly wife of Isaac J. Kilbury, and since of Perry Douglas; Lewis J., who was a member of Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was killed by a shell while in camp on the Atlanta campaign, August 6, 1864; Nancy F., wife of G. W. Stevens; Olive F., died aged two years; Harriet L., wife of C. C. Smith; Hiram G, died in infancy; Hylas R. and Dexter D. Mr. Ketch served Jerome Township as Justice of the Peace fifteen years, and as Trustee three years. Mr. Ketch is familiar with the general growth and development of the county, his acquaintance with it dating back almost to its organization, and few important events occurred within its limits of which he has no knowledge.

THOMPSON T. KILBURY, farmer, P. O. Plain City, was born in Madison County, Ohio, June 6, 1830. His parents, Thomas and Martha (Finch) Kilbury, were natives of Vermont. His father and parents removed to Madison County, Ohio, at an early day, and were among the first pioneers of Canaan Township. Mr. Kilbury, the father of our subject, took a contract of opening up and making the road from New California to Bellepoint. Thompson was reared and brought up in his native place, and received his training in the common schools. He assisted his father in clearing up the home farm and remained on it till 1853, when he married. He rented lands till 1860, when he purchased 151½ acres in Jerome Township. It contained no improvements save a log cabin, which was erected by Frederick Sager, one of the oldest pioneers of the county. The building is now used as a stable. March 24, 1853, Mr. Kilbury was married to Miss Darthula, daughter of Amos Perkins. Mrs. Kilbury was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, December 30, 1835. They have had seven children, viz.: Elmore S., born February 12, 1854; Amanda, September 26, 1855, wife of Edgar Powell; Emilius M., March 15, 1858; Ulysses G., July 9, 1867; Emma S., November 3, 1868; Clark R., April 20, 1871, and Thomas E., February 18, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Kilbury are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is identified with the I. O. of O. F., and in politics is a Republican. He served as a member of the Board of Township Trustees nine years, and in other local offices. During the war he recruited an independent cavalry company. He declined the Captaincy and was given the rank of First Lieutenant. The company finally disbanded and enlisted in the three years' term of service. Mr. Kilbury subsequently became a member of the home militia. Mr. Kilbury owns a valuable farm on the Big Darby, and is engaged in the pursuits of farming.

JACOB KRAMER, farmer, P. O. Plain City, was born in Center County, Penn., December 24, 1822. September 20, 1814, his parents, Joseph and Mary (Brown) Kramer, were married, and in 1834 came to Madison County, Ohio. The following year they removed to Union Township, Union County. Mr. Kramer was a blacksmith and followed it two years at Homer, then removed to Madison County, and died at West Jefferson in August, 1873. Mrs. K. had died in August, 1849. Jacob is the second son of a family of eleven children. At the early age of twelve, he began and served a four years' apprenticeship at his father's trade. He then turned his attention to farming, which he has since followed, except the years 1850–51 he spent in driving cattle from Illinois to Lancaster, Penn. In 1866, he located on his present farm and has since cultivated its soil. November, 1850, he was married to Miss Maria D., daughter of Daniel and Polly Kent, and a native of Jerome Township. Six children that were born to this union are as follows: Marilla J., wife of Joseph Wilson; Mary E., Charles H., Album D., John H. and Anna. Mr. Kramer is the fifth child of eleven children, viz.: Sarah, born March 25, 1815; Mary, May 5, 1816; Lewis, July 24, 1818; Eliza, July 20, 1820; Jacob, the subject of this sketch; Hannah, March 9, 1824; John, February 9, 1825; Henry, February 22, 1827; Isaac C., April 3, 1830; Sarah E., April 22, 1832, and Jerome, April 16, 1834. Mr. Kramer owns a farm of fifty-one and a half acres of land. Mrs. Kramer is a member of the United Brethren Church, and Mr. K. is a Democrat.

DAVID C. LANE, farmer, P. O. Plain City, was born in Union Township, this county, May 12, 1820. He is a son of Luther and Lodica (Green) Lane, natives of Vermont. They came to Union Township in 1818. Mr. Lane died June 2, 1829. Mrs. L. died some four years after their settlement in the county. David was left an orphan when a boy, and without any assistance. He spent three years with James Miller of Union Township, and two years with James Pratt. He continued in the employment of the farmers till 1847, when he married and settled in Canaan Township, Madison County, where he resided till 1856, when he sought out his present location. His marriage with Elizabeth Cox was blest with five children; of these four are living: Luther S., born February 14, 1848, married Mary J. Mooney; George, born May 15, 1852, married Ella Edwards; Chloe, born July 19, 1855; Mary, born March 24, 1858, and Price, born October 18, 1862. Electa, born April 18, 1850, married Ross Mooney, and died April 13, 1876, leaving two children—Walter and Ida E.; the latter is deceased. Mrs. Lane was born in Ontario, January 11, 1828. Her parents, Spencer and Elizabeth Cox, were natives of Ontario, and came to near Cleveland, Ohio, in 1834, and in 1838 to Columbus, thence to Madison County the following year, where they resided till 1850, and went to Illinois, where they both died. Mr. Lane owns a farm of sixty-seven acres. In politics, he is of Republican sentiment.

JOHN LIGGETT, farmer, P. O. New California. The subject of this sketch was born in Warren County, Ohio, November 12, 1813. He is a son of John and Mary (McCormick) Liggett, and a grandson of William Liggett, a Revolutionary soldier. The parents were married in Rockbridge County, Va., and about 1806–7 removed to Ross County, Ohio; thence to Warren County; and in 1825, to Greene County, where Mr. Liggett died March 19. 1862, and Mrs. L. December 5, 1852. Mr. Liggett, our subject, is the third son and fourth child of nine children. He spent his early life on a farm near Xenia, Ohio, where he resided till 1839, when he came to Union County. He purchased 189 acres of his present farm. All of it was in its timbered state, and in 1841 he cleared a site and erected a log house. After his marriage, he removed on his new farm, which he cleared and improved. Mr. Liggett has devoted many years of hard labor in making for himself and family a competence; and his industry has been well rewarded. His farm now contains 222 acres of well-improved and highly cultivated land, all of which is the fruit of his own exertions. His avocation has always been that of farming and stock-raising, and he has enjoyed reasonable success. November 12, 1841, he was married to Miss Mary Lamme, a daughter of Josiah and Nancy (Carman) Lamme. Mrs. Liggett, a native of Greene County, Ohio, was born November 24, 1819. Of seven children born to this union, five are living, viz.: Lovina, wife of I. G. Stall, of Union City, Ind.; Robert A., Clerk of Wayne County, Mich.; William M., Treasurer of Union County; John W. and Edward G.; Esma L. and Charlie F., are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Liggett are members of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. L., although not an office aspirant, served on the Board of Trustees of Jerome Township for ten years. Politically, he is a Republican.

WILLIAM MARTIN, farmer, P. O. Plain City, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, August 18, 1827, and is a son of David and Leah (Brelsford) Martin, of Maryland. The grandfather of our subject, David Martin, settled in the above county in an early day. His maternal grandfather, Abram Brelsford, also settled there in an early day, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. The parents of our subject came to this county in 1835, and settled in Jerome Township on the farm where William Martin now resides. He died on October 24, 1848. His mother is living, and resides in Madison County, Ohio. The subject of this sketch is the second son of nine children, five of whom are living, viz., William, George, David, Charles and Mary, William being the eldest. The care of the family devolved on his hands after the father's death, and for three years he supported them, then started out in life for himself. He rented a while, then purchased half of the homestead. February 28, 1851, he was married to Elizabeth Kile, by whom he has had four children; three are living—Delilah, wife of John Warner; Laura J., wife of Robert Purdum, and David W. Mrs. Martin is a daughter of William and Elizabeth Kile. She was born in Licking County, Ohio, February 9, 1834. In 1864, Mr. Martin enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment of the Ohio National Guard service. He was honorably discharged in September, 1864. Mr. Martin is engaged in farming and stock-raising. He was a poor boy when thrown upon the world, but by his energy and industry he has made a reasonable competence.

ANDREW H. McCAMPBELL, farmer, P. O. New California, was born in Rockbridge County, Va., July 1, 1821. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Porter) McCampbell, were also natives of Rockbridge County. Mr. McCampbell was born June 7, 1783. His father, William McCampbell, Sr., emigrated with his family from Ireland previous to the Revolution, and settled in Rockbridge County, Va. He served in the war that secured the independence of the States, after which he returned to his family, and died March 25, 1822, at the age of eighty-two years. His widow, Jane McCampbell, to whom he was married in 1768, died June 5, 1827, having attained to the age of eighty-three. Mrs. McCampbell *nee* Porter, the mother of our subject, was born September 7, 1786. Her father was also a native of Ireland, and came to the United States in time to serve the country in the Revolutionary struggles. Mr. and Mrs. McCampbell, the parents of the subject whose name heads this sketch, were married January 19, 1806. In 1832, they removed to Greene County, Ohio, and two years later, to Jerome Township, Union County, where Mr. McCampbell died November 10, 1853. His widow survived him till May 1, 1872. They were the parents of thirteen children, twelve of whom they reared to maturity, viz.: Mary B., William, Robert S., John, Samuel P., James L., Joseph P., James C., Andrew H., David T., Charles, Alfred and Elizabeth. Mr. McCampbell, the subject of this biography, spent his early manhood on a farm, and received his education chiefly in the common schools of Jerome Township. His early life was given to clearing up the old homestead, which contained 400 acres. When he attained his majority, he served an apprenticeship under his brother at the cooper trade, which he pursued ten years. In 1845, he purchased a small farm of sixty acres, locating on it the succeeding year. He occupied this land till 1852, when he disposed of it and bought 108 acres of woodland, now constituting a part of his present farm. He has since given his whole attention to the pursuit of his farm and stock and has made a marked success He has as the fruits of his energy and industry a farm of 544 acres of finely improved and well cultivated land. Mr. McCampbell is one of the most thorough and successful farmers in Union County. December 31, 1846, he was united in marriage to Miss Maria Mitchell, a daughter of Jesse Mitchell now deceased. Of seven children by this union, five are now living—Tella, wife of T. B. Arnold, now of Minneapolis, Minn., James D., Jesse C., George

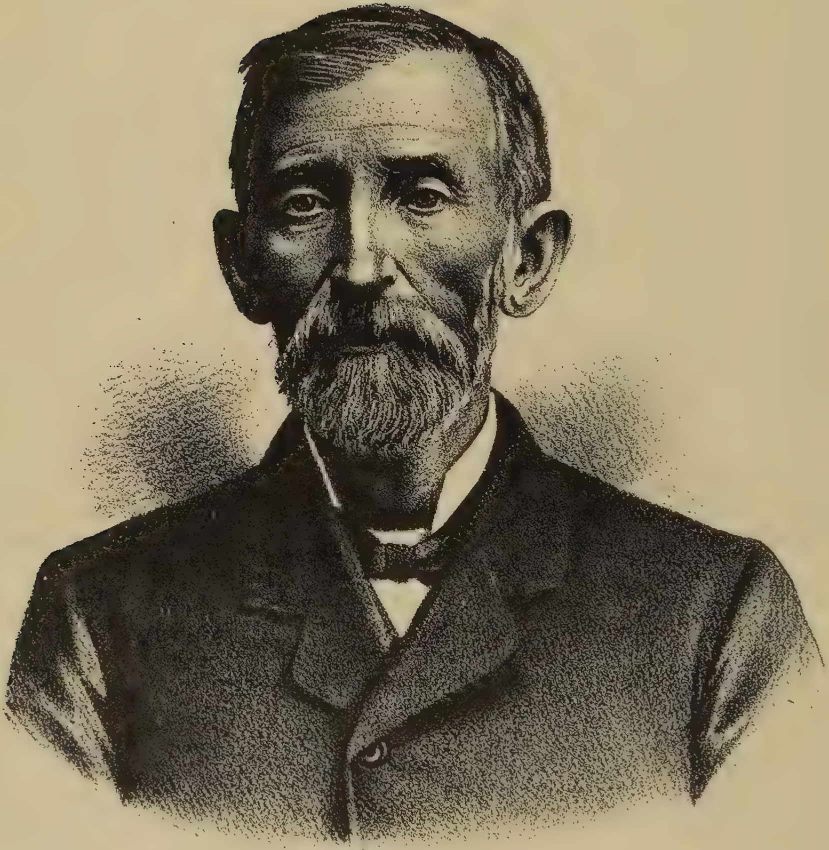
W. and Emma, who is at home. Aaron C. and Rosa are deceased. Mr. McCampbell and family are consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church. Politically, Mr. McCampbell is a supporter of Republican principles. He served his township in the capacity of Land Appraiser two terms and Trustee one term; and has also filled other local offices. In the improvements of the township, he has always displayed an active part, having paid out to the construction of pikes over $3,000. As a citizen and a man, Mr. McCampbell occupies an honorable position in the community and county.

DAVID McCAMPBELL, farmer, P. O. New California, seventh son of William and Elizabeth McCampbell, was born in Rockbridge County, Va., May 15, 1823. He came to the county with his parents when a boy, and remained at home till of age. His early life was spent with his brothers in clearing up the homestead. In 1864, he removed to the farm he now occupies. In 1843, he engaged in butchering, and followed it continuously till 1878, when he retired from that avocation, and turned his attention wholly to farming. For two years he kept a provision and meat store in Plain City, and enjoyed a good trade. He owns a valuable farm of 192 acres, located one mile east of New California. February 25, 1849, Mr. McCampbell was joined in marriage with Miss Elizabeth M. McCullough, a daughter of Samuel McCullough, an early pioneer of Union County. Mrs. McC. was born in Jerome Township, May, 1826. This marriage was blessed with five children, viz.: Achpor N.; John H., married Miss Rose Hutchinson, and have three children—Harry C., Frank L. and Nellie M.; Eva R., Zenas C. and Maggie M. Mr. and Mrs. McCampbell are consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. McC. is in politics a Republican. July 15, 1880, he fell from an apple tree and had his hip broken, which disabled him from active work. His sons have since conducted the farm.

ALFRED McCAMPBELL, farmer, P. O. New California, second youngest child of William and Elizabeth (Porter) McCampbell, was born in Rockbridge County, Va., May 6, 1827. He came to the county with his parents when a boy of seven years. He was brought up on the farm he now occupies, and his training was received in the common schools. He aided his father to clear up the farm, and remained with him till his death. December 23, 1853, he was married to Miss Rosanna, a daughter of John and Ellen Cratty, and a native of Delaware County, where she was born April 23, 1826. Of five children by this union, four are living, viz.: Elizabeth A., born October 29, 1854, is a teacher; Mary E., born October 5, 1856, is a teacher; Ada, born September 16, 1862, and Cora, born December 8, 1866. Lucinda (deceased), born March 12, 1859, married L. C. McDowell, and died September 8, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. McCampbell are earnest members of the United Presbyterian Church. Politically, Mr. McC. is Republican. He owns 148 acres of the old homestead, and is engaged in the pursuits of his farm.

DAVID McCLUNG, farmer, P. O. Plain City, was born in Jerome Township, August 14, 1825. His parents, Joseph and Margaret (Conner) McClung, were natives of Pennsylvania, and emigrated to Union County about the time Ohio was admitted into the Union as a State. Mr. McClung served in the war of 1812, and was discharged on account of disability from a broken leg. He settled on the Jesse Mitchell farm, formerly owned by his wife's parents, Patrick and Polly Conner. They were originally from Pennsylvania, and came to the county among its earliest settlers. Mr. Conner became the owner of 500 acres of land in Jerome Township, which he occupied till he removed to Amity, Madison County, where he died, July 12, 1840. Mr. McClung purchased 200 acres of land and lived on it till his death, August 13, 1843. His widow survived him till 1865. Our subject is the eldest son of nine children. He married Mary J. Cox, a daughter of Spencer Cox, and a native of Canada. They have the following children: Fillmore J., Fremont, Elizabeth, Laura, Lurinda, Willie, Minnie, John and Charles. Mr. McClung owns ninety acres of the original homestead. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church. In politics, he is a Republican.

ROBERT McCRORY, farmer, P. O. Jerome, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, April 8, 1837, and is a son of William and Lavina McCrory, of Pennsylvania and Virginia. His father was born in 1806 and his mother in 1809. They came to this township in 1852, in which he bought 393 acres of land, on which he lived till his death, which occurred June 4, 1864. His mother died January 2, 1877. Both were consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church, to which they belonged many years. Our subject is the eldest of a family of seven children. He obtained a practical education in the common and select schools, which was more fully developed by a four years' course of study at Oberlin College. At the breaking-out of the late war, he quit school and enlisted, August 6, 1861, in Company E, Thirtieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was subsequently annexed to the Fifteenth Army Corps. He participated in the battles of Carnifex Ferry, second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Champion Hill, siege of Vicksburg, and a number of smaller engagements. He served with distinction, and was honorably discharged at Vicksburg September 17, 1863. Upon his return to civil life, he resumed farming, and in April, 1877, he located upon his present premises. In 1880, he established a tile mill, with which he has been successful. In 1882, he added a saw mill to his other manufacturing enterprise. His farm consists in thirty acres, which is a part of the old homestead. November 25, 1869, he was married to Anna M., daughter of David and Nancy Graham, by whom he has had six children, viz.: Matie L., Margaret, Anna B., Nancy M., Ella M. and William G. He and wife are connected with the United Presbyterian Church. He is a Justice of the Peace, and is a gentleman of fine executive ability. Has also served as Township Clerk. Politically, he is a Republican.



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SAMUEL McCULLOUGH (deceased) was born in Darby Township October 10, 1800. He was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Mitchell) McCullough, natives of Pennsylvania. They were married in their native place, and in 1799, with one child—Alexander—came West and located near the Mitchell settlement in Darby Township, where Mr. McCullough died in June, 1800. He was the first white man that died in the county, and there being no lumber nearer than Chillicothe, his neighbors framed a coffin out of the slabs of a black walnut tree and he was interred in the old Mitchell Cemetery. His widow survived him over forty years, she dying in 1841. Samuel was the second of two sons. When five years old his mother married John Taylor and removed to Darby Township, Madison County, where she died. In 1825, Mr. McCullough returned to his native township and remained one year, then removed to Jerome Township, where he bought a farm of 100 acres; all was in woods, and he cleared a site and erected a log cabin, in which he resided till 1833, when he built a frame residence. He was married June 23, 1825, to Margaret Robinson, daughter of Samuel and Martha Robinson. Mrs. McCullough was born in Franklinton, Franklin County, March 21, 1807. Of the five children this family were blessed with, but two are living, viz.: Elizabeth M., born May 4, 1826, married David McCampbell; Nancy J., born February, 1831, married John Mitchell, and died March 7, 1873; John T., born May 11, 1833; Matilda A., born February 12, 1836, married George Coleman and died November 26, 1872, and Zenas O., born April 29, 1845, and died September 24, 1869. Mr. McCullough, by his industry and economy, acquired large and valuable property, owning at his death 500 acres of land. His death occurred April 7, 1871. He was one of the early members of the United Presbyterian Church, and died as an Elder. He had been identified with that denomination since 1826. He was a life member of the American Bible Society. As a man, he was consistent, and as neighbor and citizen he was upright and honorable.

JOHN T. McCULLOUGH, farmer, P. O. Plain City, was born on the old homestead in Jerome Township, May 11, 1833. He is the eldest son of Samuel McCullough, whose history is given elsewhere in this volume. Mr. McCullough was reared to manhood on the farm, and obtained his education in the common schools of his native place and Marysville select schools. He remained at home and conducted the farm till his father's death. In 1862, he located on the part of the homestead he now occupies, and has since resided there. October 30, 1860, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary, daughter of William and Mary Bigger. Mrs. McCullough was born November 21, 1833, and departed this life June 25, 1878, leaving two sons—Samuel B., born August 30, 1869, and Frank B., born May 14, 1871. Mr. McCullough celebrated his second marriage March 20, 1879, with Miss Vienna Robinson, a native of Darby Township, and a daughter of Samuel and Nancy Robinson. Mrs. McCullough was born August 27, 1848. May 11, 1864, Mr. McCullough volunteered his services in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment Ohio National Guards, and after one hundred days of garrison duty at Alexandria, Va., he was honorably discharged, after which he returned to civil life and resumed the avocation of farming. His brother, Zenice H., was a member of the same company. He resides on the old homestead. September 29, 1869, he met with an accident with a threshing machine, which resulted in his death. Mr. McCullough is a prominent citizen of Jerome Township, and is successfully engaged in agriculture and stock-raising. He owns 270 acres of well-improved and highly-cultivated land. Mr. McCullough is a public-spirited man and has aided largely in the construction of numerous pikes. As a man and citizen, he is respected and esteemed.

JOHN R. McDOWELL, farmer, P. O. New California, one of Union County's early pioneers, was born in York County, Penn., March 22, 1809. His parents, John and Jane (Reed) McDowell, were natives of Pennsylvania, and emigrated to Ohio at the beginning of the late war with Great Britain, and settled near Milford Center. Mr. McDowell purchased a small farm in Union Township, and resided on it till his death, October 15, 1826. His widow survived him till June 8, 1861. Our subject is the only surviving son of his father. His boyhood and early manhood were passed in the primeval forests of Union Township. When of age, he engaged in working by the month, and followed it some years, at wages from $7 to $9 per month. It was in this way that he secured his start. March 28, 1850, he purchased 132 acres of his present farm, which was principally woodland. He made subsequent additions to this purchase till he owned 325 acres of land, most of which he cleared and improved. Mr. McDowell has spent most of his life as a pioneer, and the principal growth and development of the county has taken place within his recollection. His first marriage occurred November 5, 1835, with Miss Mary Porter, daughter of John Porter, by whom he had ten children, of these six are living—William G., John P., Newton L., Calvin R., Leander C. and Mary A. Mrs. McDowell was born in Erie County, Penn., January 7, 1812, and died August 1, 1877. Mr. McDowell was again married June 30, 1881, to Mrs. Sarah Katon, widow of James Katon, and daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Brookhart. Mrs. McDowell was born in Perry County, Ohio, December 31, 1826. She is the mother of five children by her former husband. Of these, but one, Ezra, is living. Mr. McDowell had three sons—Robert N., Jesse V. and John P., who were soldiers in the Union army. Robert was a member of Company B, Thirty-second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died in the hospital at Winchester, Va., October 4, 1862. Jesse enlisted in Company D, Fortieth Regiment, and was drowned in the Big Sandy River, February 24, 1862. John was a member of the same company as Robert. He served over four years, veteranizing in 1864.

HIRAM McKITRICK, deceased, was born in Licking County, Ohio, May 9, 1828, and is a son of John and Sarah McKitrick, who came to that county and settled in Concord Township, in 1839. He was the eldest of a family of eleven children, and when a young man learned the cooper trade. February 20, 1851, he was married to Maria L., daughter of John and Keziah (Bishop) Urton, of Virginia. Mrs. McKitrick was born December 25, 1830, and bore her husband eight children, five of whom are living, viz.: Albert, George, John, Llewellyn and William. The deceased were named Elma E., Olive J. and Mary M. Mr. McKitrick bought a farm of 136 acres in 1870. In 1877, he built a house at a cost of $1,800, and in 1876 a barn at a cost of $350. He died February 28, 1875. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and wife belonged to the United Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM McKITRICK, farmer, P. O. New California, was born in Licking County, Ohio, November 1, 1832. He is the third child of John and Sarah McKitrick, who were natives of Pennsylvania. When six years of age his parents moved to Delaware County, and the following year to Jerome Township, where he was reared. November 10, 1853, he was married to Miss Eliza A., daughter of Silas Bell. Mrs. McKitrick was born May 2, 1832, and departed this life February 12, 1870, leaving five children, viz.: James A., born March 11, 1856; John S., born January 4, 1858; Phineas D., born July 30, 1860; Cora A. and Nora I. (twins), born June 30, 1866. Mr. McKitrick married the second time, November 23, 1873, to Susan C. Robinson, daughter of James and Mary Robinson. Mrs. M. was born in Jerome Township, September 18, 1835. One son Wade, born June 2, 1877, was born to this marriage. March 29, 1866, Mr. McKitrick removed to his present farm, which contains 108 acres. Mrs. M. is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Plain City. Mr. M. is Democratic in his politics.

JOSEPH W. MICHAEL, farmer, P. O. Plain City, the only surviving child of Joseph and Sarah (Hattan) Michael, was born in Frederick County, Md., March 6, 1830. His mother died when he was but seven years of age, and the following spring (of 1836), his father migrated to Franklin County, Ohio. He died March 1, 1882, aged seventy-eight years. In 1840, our subject went to live with his uncle, Gisbert Hattan, with whom he remained till of age. They removed to Union County in 1852, and resided here till their death. Mr. Hattan died November 22, 1874. Mr. Michael was married April 6, 1854, to Evaline Coon, a native of Union County, by whom he had twelve children; of these ten are living—Catharine E., wife of William Hudson; Melissa E., Susanna, John G., Joseph H., Adam A., Ann V., William W., Albert H. and Eddie. Sarah A. and Evaline are deceased. Mrs. Michael is a daughter of James and Elizabeth Coon, and was born April 30, 1835. Mr. Michael is the owner of 184½ acres of land, and is by occupation an agriculturist and stock-raiser.

JAMES R. MITCHELL, farmer, P. O. New California, was born on the home farm in Jerome Township, December 5, 1830. He is the eldest son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Robinson) Mitchell, and a grandson of Judge Mitchell, an early settler of Darby Township, and a prominent pioneer of Union County. He was reared and brought up on the farm whereon he was born, and was educated in the common schools of his native place. He aided his father in clearing up the farm, which was all in woods at the time of his birth. In 1851, his father gave him 116 acres, to which he added 100 acres more. He settled on his new farm at the time of his marriage, and occupied it till the death of his brother in the late war in 1863, when he removed on the old farm and had charge of his father during his last days. In 1881, he purchased 100 acres of the farm his father left, and now owns a tract of 769 acres. Mr. Mitchell has spent most of his life in hewing down the forests and clearing the land, and the well-improved and finely cultivated acres of his extensive farm are mostly the result of his entiring energy and industry. Since 1867, he has directed his attention largely to rearing and dealing in stock. The summer of 1881, he erected a commodious residence, at a cost of $3,500. April 1, 1857, he was united in marriage to Miss Olive A. Gill, a daughter of Jesse and Jane Gill. Mrs. Mitchell was born in Allen Township, December 19, 1830. They were blessed with six children, all of whom are living, viz.: Sarah, John W., William G., James F., Aaron H. and Jennie C. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are members of the Presbyterian Church. Politically, Mr. M. has always been Democratic.

JACOB MOONEY, farmer, P. O. Jerome, was born in Washington County, Penn., December 20, 1816. He is a son of John and Mary (McVey) Mooney, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania, respectively, and a grandson of a Mr. Mooney who came from Ireland before the Revolutionary war. Jacob's parents removed to Jefferson County, Ohio, in 1824, and resided there till 1862, when they came to Jerome Township. Mr. Mooney died October 12, 1869. His wife died in 1836. Jacob was reared principally in Jefferson County, and in 1854 came to Jerome Township and bought eighty acres of land. October 4, 1841, he and Miss Rosanna Winters, daughter of Isaiah and Elizabeth Winters, were married. Mrs. Mooney was born in Jefferson County, May 2, 1822. They have six children, viz.: Johnson, born July 26, 1842, married Susan C. Freshwater; Rhoda W., born April 20, 1844, wife of George Wollpert; Mary J., born September 10, 1846, wife of Luther Lane; Rosa W., born March 4, 1850, married Emily Bigelow; Catharine E., born July 3, 1857, wife of William Stewart; and Olive E., born December 4, 1863, and died April 6, 1865. Mr. Mooney owns a farm of eighty acres, and pursues the avocation of farming and rearing fine sheep.

JOHN MOSS, farmer, P. O. New California, a native of Lancastershire, England, was born April 6, 1806. His parents, Robert and Margaret (Kelsey) Moss, were natives of the same "shire." Our subject was reared principally in Yorkshire. In 1830, he crossed the waters and settled in Chester County, Penn., and afterward removed to Allegheny County, where he lived till he came to Union County in 1853. He purchased 165 acres of land, and subsequently added thirty acres, which constitutes his present farm. His marriage, in 1836, to Miss Dorcas Huston, was blessed with three children: David, Amanda and Margaret A. Mrs. Moss is a daughter of William and Nancy Huston. She was born in Chester County, Penn., March 11, 1812. Mr. Moss owns a well-improved farm, most of which he cleared himself. He is engaged in agriculture and stock-raising. For the last twenty-five years he has made a leading pursuit in keeping Spanish merino sheep, and has had fair success.

DAVID MOSS, farmer, P. O. Plain City, only son of John and Dorcas Moss, was born in Allegheny County, Penn., August 7, 1838. In 1853, he accompanied his parents to Union County, where he grew to manhood. His education he received in the select schools of Frankfort. The spring of 1875, he located on the farm he now occupies. He owns a valuable farm of 200 acres, and is engaged in farming and stock-raising. The leading pursuit of his occupation is keeping Spanish merino sheep, in which he does rather an extensive business. He has a flock of from 300 to 400 head, and has been successful. April 8, 1873, he was married to Margaret Neill, daughter of Samuel and Mary Neill. Mrs. Moss was born in Washington County, Penn., January 13, 1835. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically, Mr. Moss is Republican.

ROBERT NORRIS, farmer, P. O. Jerome, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, August 4, 1831. His father, John G. Norris, came from England in 1817, and settled in Harrison County, where he married Sarah McMillen, who died in that county September 11, 1842. In 1867, Mr. Norris came to Jerome Township, where he died May 16, 1874. He was a local minister in the Protestant Methodist Church, and subsequently of the Wesleyan Methodist, in which belief he died. The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood on the old homestead, and educated in the common schools; he was married March 9, 1856, to Phebe Armstrong, by whom he had two children; one, John W., is living. Mrs. Norris departed this life December 31, 1859, and July 4, 1861, Mr. N. was married to Susan, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hass. Two children—Edward H. and Matilda J.—were born to this union. In 1860, Mr. Norris moved to this county and purchased his present farm which contains ninety acres. August 15, 1862, he entered the ranks of the Union army in Company E, Thirtieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was active in the battles before Vicksburg, Mission Ridge, and in all the engagements on the Atlanta campaign except Resaca. At the close of the war, he was honorably discharged and returned home. Mr. and Mrs. Norris are associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics, Mr. N. is of Republican sentiment.

ZACHARIAH NOTEMAN, farmer, P. O. Plain City, one of the oldest pioneers of Jerome, was born on the farm where he now resides January 29, 1811. His father, Andrew Noteman, was born near Harper's Ferry, Va., June 1, 1773, and his mother, Elizabeth Brown, was born in Ireland September 13, 1773, and brought to America by her parents when a child. Mr. Noteman was first married in Maryland and became the father of one daughter—Jinsie, who married John Taylor and subsequently died. After the death of his wife, Mr. Noteman went to Ross County, Ohio, where he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth McCune, *nee* Brown, by whom he had two children. In 1801, the year before Ohio was erected as a State, he removed with his family to Union County and settled on the farm which is occupied by the subject of this sketch. He bought 100 acres and cleared a site for a house. He cleared his farm and among other improvements he made was an orchard of one hundred apple trees which he planted. Of this number but three of the trees are now living. One of the trees was remarkaby thrifty, and attained a circumference of nine feet and two inches. Mr. Noteman afterward added eighty acres to the original purchase and partially cleared it. He was one of the organizers and founders of the Methodist Episcopal Church, known as the Noteman Church, and was an active worker in it till his death. Our subject was reared and brought up to the pursuits of the farm, and was educated in the common schools of the day. He well remembers seeing the Indians who then dwelt here in roving bands. In 1818, he made a trip to Lower Sandusky with his father to procure salt and provisions He aided his father in clearing up the farm and remained with him till his death. In January, 1835, Mr. Noteman was joined in marriage with Ann G. Morrison, a daughter of Samuel and Agnes Morrison, by whom he had nine children. Of these but three survive—Nancy E., wife of R. McCloud, Lucretia and William M. Mrs. Noteman departed this life March 18, 1858, and March 1, 1860, Mr. N. was married to Mrs. Amanda Homsher, widow of David Homsher, and daughter of William and Mary A. Sprout. Mrs. N. was born in Lancaster County, Penn., December 2, 1834. Of seven children by this marriage, five are living—John, Otway C., Eva D., Myrtle and Aaron N.; Harry and James are deceased. Mrs. Noteman had two children by her first husband—Margaret A. (now deceased) and David W. Mr Noteman was identified with the Whigs till the formation of the Republican party, when he united with its ranks. He acted in the capacity of Township Trustee about ten years, besides other local offices which he filled. He owns 103 acres—the old homestead—and follows the avocation of farming.

B. H. PICKETT, farmer, P. O. Jerome, a native of Moorefield Township, Harrison Co., Ohio was born May 7, 1822. His father, Peter Pickett, was a native of Dutchess County, N. Y.; he went as a sailor boy when eighteen, and followed the water for thirty years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, under Commodore Perry, and participated in the battle of Lake Erie, where he was seriously wounded. He died January 13, 1854, aged seventy-four years. His mother, Elizabeth Mills, was born in Montgomery County, Md., and moved to Harrison County, Ohio, with her parents, Elias and Nancy (Harris) Mills, when she was eighteen years old; she died October 31, 1857. Our subject is the eldest of nine children. In September, 1858, he purchased and located on his present farm, where he has since resided. May 12, 1846, he was married to Eliza A., daughter of John and Sarah (McMullen) Norris, and a native of Harrison County, where she was born November 26, 1827. Of nine children by this union, seven are living—Sarah E., wife of Alexander Dall; Harriet A., wife of Sylvester Kent; John R., James F., Rhoda J., deceased, Hardin, Isabel E.. Clara M., deceased, Hollaind L. and Allie E. Mrs. Pickett died May 20, 1874, and May 11, the following year, Mr. P. married Mrs. Rachael A. Beach, widow of Amos Beach, and daughter of Jacob Frederick. One daughter—Jessie L., was born to this marriage. Mrs. Pickett had five children by her former husband—Ella, wife of L. Preston, Emory, Martha, Mary, wife of Daniel Andrews, and Matilda. Mrs. P. was born in Union County February 5, 1835. Mr. Pickett owns a farm of sixty-three acres.

JOHN H. PRESTON, farmer, P. O. Jerome, a native of Licking County, Ohio, born October 7, 1816. His parents, Jonathan and Harriet (Homer) Preston, were respectively natives of Washington and Fayette Counties, Penn. The former was born February 26, 1791, and the latter February 5, 1796. They married December 5, 1813, and in 1816 migrated to Licking County, Ohio, where they both died, Mr. P. September 29, 1856, and Mrs. Preston July 17, 1881. They had born to them twelve children, of whom our subject is the second child. April 7, 1847, he came and located on his present farm. May 27, 1841, he was married to Miss Eliza Wagner, daughter of John and Nancy (Cross) Wagner, and a native of Licking County, where she was born September 12, 1820. Their children are as follows: Thomas H., born December 23, 1842; Milligan A., born March 28, 1844; Loammi R., born July 26, 1846; Harriet M., born July 22, 1852, wife of J. C. Barker; and Martha J., born January 3, 1858, wife of James Andrews. Mr. Preston owns eighty acres of land, which he cleared up. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GEORGE M. RICKARD, farmer, P. O. Plain City, was born in Loudoun County, Va.. September 24, 1816. His parents, Simon and Mary M. (Sanbower) Rickard, were also natives of Loudoun County. The former was born June 9, 1790, and the latter April 16, 1793. His grandfather, Simon Rickard, Sr., was born in the same county, and was a soldier in the American Revolution. He died some years after in his native place. The parents of our subject were married November 20, 1813, and in 1818 removed to Culpeper County, where they resided till 1828, and migrated to Union County, Ohio, locating in what is now Darby Township. In April of the following year, Mr. Rickard rented a farm in Jerome Township, of Frederick Sager, and occupied it ten years. At the expiration of this time he purchased 120 acres of land, which was mostly in woods. He died January 5, 1844, and his widow August 5, 1862. Mr. Rickard was a private in the late war with Great Britain, having enlisted when a resident of Virginia. He served Jerome Township as Trustee for several years and filled various other local offices. He aided in founding the Lutheran Church of his township, and was prominently connected with it till his death. Mr. Rickard had three brothers—Peter, Michael and George. Peter moved to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1830, and died in 1860; Michael settled in Hancock County, Ill., and was Judge of the Common Pleas Court during the Mormon troubles, and died in 1857; George died in Virginia in 1880. Mr. Rickard, the subject of this notice, is the second son. He was reared to manhood on the farm his father located when he (George) was a boy, and received his education in the district schools of his native place. In early life he formed strong tastes for the farm, and has always followed that avocation on the most thoroughly scientific principles. His farm, which contains 600 acres, is one of the best improved and finely cultivated in the county. Mr. Rickard is also engaged in rearing and dealing in live stock of a good grade, and has acquired a marked success in keeping Spanish merino sheep, and Norman, Clydesdale and Belgium horses, which he has exhibited at both the Union County and Ohio State Fairs. In the pursuits of life, Mr. Rickard has been very successful and ranks second to none in the county as an agriculturist. Although not an aspirant for official honors, he has been chosen to the office of Township Trustee ten consecutive terms, and performed its duties with credit to himself. His marriage, February 11, 1845, to Miss Eliza Carey, was blest with three children; of these two are living—John, born April 22, 1853, and Clark, born October 12, 1855. Mary F., the only daughter, was born June 9, 1851, and died September 9, 1872. Mrs. Rickard was born in Madison County January 15, 1821. She is a daughter of Abijah and Catharine (Johnson) Carey, and a granddaughter of Luther Carey (originally Cary), who emigrated from Ireland before the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Rickard are associated as members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is an Elder and Trustee.

JOHN M. ROBINSON, farmer, P. O. New California, was born in Darby Township, Union County, Ohio, February 29, 1820. He is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Moderwell) Robinson, the former a native of Lancaster County and the latter of York County. They were married and emigrated to the West in 1805, settling in Darby Township, where they were among the earliest pioneers. The country was heavily wooded and populated with its original inhabitants—Indians and wild animals. Mr. Robinson located 200 acres of this woodland about three miles from the Mitchell settlement, where resided his nearest neighbors. Mr. Robinson cleared up most of this farm, and afterward added 100 acres, which were situated on the opposite side of the stream. About the same time he entered 160 acres of land in Henry County. He was for several terms Trustee of Darby Township, and was prominently connected with the United Presbyterian Darby Church for over fifty years. He died near New California. His marriage to Miss Sarah Moderwell was blest with six children, viz.: Adam P., Sarah J., James D., Thomas, John M., the subject of this sketch, and Alexander C. Our subject was reared on the old home farm, and remained with his father till 1847, when he came to Jerome Township and bought fifty acres of land, to which he added sixty-nine acres more. In 1864, he purchased and located on his present farm. He was first married in January, 1845, to Miss Mary J. Roney, a daughter of James Roney, and a native of Chester County, Penn. Of nine children by this union, seven are living: Chester L., Elvira, wife of David McKitrick, Delbert, Maria, Oscar and Olive (twins) and Anna. Mrs. Robinson died January 28, 1864, and Mr. R. was married the second time, June 8, 1865, to Miss Harriet E., daughter of William and Elizabeth Taylor. Mrs. Robinson was born in Campaign County, Ohio, June 11, 1832. Hattie M. and Bert S. were born to this marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are respectively connected with the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches. Mr. R. is an Elder. He is connected with the I. O. O. F., and in politics is a Republican. He has served Jerome Township as Assessor thirteen years. For the past four years Mr. Robinson has been contractor in the construction of pikes, with the exception of which time, he has pursued the avocation of farming and stock-raising.

SAMUEL H. RUEHLEN, farmer, P. O. New California, one of Union County's veterans, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, November 23, 1842. His parents, John and Christina (Brideham) Ruehlen, were natives of Germany and Pennsylvania respectively. His father was born February 28, 1802, and crossed the Atlantic in 1828, settling in Fairfield County, Ohio, where he married. Mrs. Ruehlen was born in 1810, and, in 1826, removed with her parents to Fairfield County. Mr. Ruehlen came to Union County in 1847, and, in 1871, moved to Logan County, where he died, August 28, 1878. His widow followed him to the spirit land November 5, 1881. They reared eight children, of which our subject is the third. He was reared to manhood on a farm. In May, 1861, he shouldered his musket and entered the ranks of the Union army, in Company K, Seventeenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served four months, and reenlisted December 1, the same year, in Company K, First Ohio Cavalry. He was engaged with the cavalry in the following leading battles: Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Rome, Ga., Moulton, Atlanta and Nashville, and a number of minor engagements. Mr. Ruehlen served three years with signal bravery, and was honorably discharged December 6, 1864. He returned home, and, December 31, 1865, married Susanna, daughter of James B. and Martha A. Dort. Mrs. Ruehlen was born near New California April 10, 1843. They were blessed with seven children, six of whom are living, viz.: George W., born March 1, 1867; Martha A., March 9, 1869; Frank, February 3, 1873; Diadama, April 30, 1875; Charlie, August 2, 1877, and La Motte, October 9, 1880. Mr. Ruehlen located on his present farm, which now contains 171 acres, in 1869. He is a successful farmer and stock-raiser. He and wife are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is connected with the G. A. R. of Plain City, and, in politics, is a stanch Republican.

SAMUEL C. RYAN, farmer, P. O. Jerome, a native of Warren County, N. J., was born September 6, 1842. He is a son of Patrick and Martha (Cornell) Ryan, the former a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, and the latter of Warren County, N. J. His father was born March 17, 1810, and came to Quebec in 1823–25, and in 1828 came to the States. In 1842, he came to Columbus, and to Jerome Township in 1850, where he died August 2, 1863. He was married, in 1834, to Martha Cornell, by whom he had two sons and two daughters, viz.: Joanna, born March 5, 1835, died April 24, 1836; William T., born May 4, 1837, died —— — ——; Ellen, born June 14, 1839, died January 4, 1870, and Samuel C., the subject of this sketch. Our subject was reared to manhood on the farm, and educated in the common schools. He has always occupied the homestead, and now owns 134 acres of highly cultivated land.

H. B. SEELY, merchant, P. O. Jerome, was born in Monroe County, N. Y., December 5, 1835. In 1849, his parents, T. O. and Caroline Seely, removed from York State to Delaware County, Ohio. Mr. Seely was brought up on a farm, and educated in the district schools. He followed the vocation of a farmer up to 1865, when he came to Jerome Township and worked at carpentering one year. He entered the store of H. Lewis as clerk, and occupied that position till 1869, and the following year bought a stock of goods for himself, and has since been engaged in merchandising, doing a successful business. His marriage with Miss Lurinda Wells, daughter of James and Lovina Wells, which occurred June 24, 1862, was blessed with seven children—Sherman B., Albert L., Clifton, Anna, Jean, Mabel and Effa. Mr. Seely erected a store building in 1882, 24 feet by 70 feet in size, at a cost of $1,500. He carries a stock of goods amounting to $2,500, and enjoys an annual sale of $12,000.

JOHN J. STEWART, farmer, was born in Shenandoah County, Va., July 12, 1825, and is a son of James and Wierlinda (Rutter) Stewart. His mother died when he was a year and a half old, and in 1838 his father removed to Dublin, Franklin County, Ohio, in which he lived till 1840, when he came to this township. He was a cabinet maker, having learned his trade in Virginia, and followed the same for a livelihood until his death, which occurred in August, 1849. Our subject is the youngest of eight children, three of whom are living, viz.: James M., Delaware County, Ohio; Ann R., wife of James W. Taylor, and resides in the West. Our subject was early put at his father's trade, which he followed till 1860, at which time he bought twenty-seven acres of land, to which he has added by purchase, and at present owns 141 acres of valuable land, the greater portion having been cleared off by himself, besides making all the improvements. May 15, 1849, he was married to Lucinda C., daughter of William B. and Catherine Stone, by whom he has had five children, viz.: William T., who married Katie Mooney; Candace, wife of William P. Neal; Emma M. and Amanda M., prominent and successful teachers, and Olive M. Although Mr. Stewart had only the advantage of attending school in log schoolhouses, and the instructions of incompetent teachers, he fully realizes the force and culture of education, and has accordingly spared no pains or expense in educating his children. Mr. S. started in life with a capital not to exceed $300, and his present possessions attest undisputably his great success in life. He has always manifested public spiritedness in all worthy enterprises, having given $800 for the building of pikes. He is a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Formerly he was a Democrat, but in 1856 he joined the Republican ranks.

JAMES SWEENEY, farmer, P. O. Dublin, Franklin County, was born in Greene County, Penn., November 20, 1829, and is a son of Hiram and Mary (Cosgay) Sweeney, of Pennsylvania, who removed to West Virginia in 1831, and settled in Tyler County, in which he died in 1870. His mother is living near the old homestead at an advanced age. Daniel Sweeney, father of Hiram, was born in Maryland, and served with a scouting party during the Revolutionary war. His maternal grandfather, Tyrenes Cosgay, was born in Ireland, and came to America and settled in Maryland after the war of 1776–1783, and subsequently removed to Pennsylvania, where he died. Our subject is the fifth child of a family of eight children, six of whom are living. He was reared upon a farm, and in the mills which his father operated, which latter he had charge of from 1846 to 1865. July 1, 1865, he located in this county, buying at the time 142 acres, to which he has since added by purchase, and now possesses 175 acres, and his son, J. C., fifty acres. February 8, 1859, he was married to Anna, daughter of Archibald and Ruth Waters, who has borne him six children, five of whom are living, viz.: Joseph C., Emma J., Mary L., Anna L. and Hiram. An infant son deceased. Mrs. S. was born in Greene County, Penn., in September, 1833, and is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Sweeney is one of our self-made men, having carved out his fortune by economy and industry. He is a Democrat in political principle, and has held some of the minor offices of the township

WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, farmer, P. O. Plain City, was born in Jerome Township, November 8, 1805. He is the eldest son and third child of Richard and Polly (Cox) Taylor. His early life was passed upon his father's farm, and his training received in the common schools. In 1835, his father gave him sixty acres of land, on which he located at the time of his marriage. This farm was all woodland, and by his energy and unremitting toil he cleared and improved it to a good condition. November 10, 1830, he was joined in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Burdick, a daughter of Hezekiah and Polly Burdick, and a native of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, where she was born February 28, 1810. Of six children by this marriage five are living—Polly, wife of Orson Scribner; Rachel C., deceased, formerly wife of H. Lawrence; Nancy L., wife of J. Cottran; Cilicia, wife of George Motlar; Levi F.; Susanna, wife of H. Smith; Rhoda, deceased, and Hezekiah deceased. Mrs. Taylor departed this life August 16, 1831. Mr. Taylor is a member of the United Brethren Church, and in politics is a Republican. He owns a farm of sixty acres.

JEPHTAH H. TAYLOR was born near Plain City, in Madison County, December 17, 1814. His parents, Richard and Polly (Cox) Taylor were natives of Berkeley County, Va., and Washington County, Penn., respectively. They were married in Cynthiana, Ky., in February, 1800, and two years later removed and settled in Jerome Township. In 1803–4, they went back to Kentucky, where they resided till 1811, and returnd to Ohio, effecting a settlement in Darby Township, Madison County, where Mr. Taylor bought a farm of 200 acres. His death occurred in July, 1864. The subject of this notice is the third son and sixth of a family of seven children. At the age of thirteen he learned tailoring in Bellefontaine, and followed it in that place and Plain City for sixteen years. In 1847, his father gave him eighty acres of land, to which he made an addition of forty-seven acres. He cleared and principally improved these farms. December 19, 1839, he was married to Angeline, a daughter of Calvin and Eunice Allen, by whom he had eleven children. Of these seven are living—Richard, born October 17, 1840, died September 26, 1866; Edwin, born May 14, 1842; Benjamin, October 15, 1843; Robert, April 12, 1845; Jephtah, March 18, 1847: Fielding, January 25, 1849; Laura A., October 16, 1851; Celinda E., June 7, 1853; Mary A., March 20, 1859; Anthony M., February 6, 1864. An infant is deceased. Mr. Taylor is of English descent on his father's side, his great-grandfather and two brothers having emigrated to America long before the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Taylor is of Scotch ancestry.

SAMUEL TAYLOR, farmer, P. O. Plain City, a prominent farmer of Darby Township, Madison County, was born near Plain City August 23, 1817. He is the youngest son of Richard and Polly Taylor. His early life was passed in his native place, and his education obtained in the common schools of the day. He aided his father in clearing the homestead, and has occupied it since his death. He has made additions to the original farm till he has 394 acres of finely improved and highly cultivated land, most of which is located in Jerome Township. He also owns a farm in Darby Township, Union County, and the old John Kent homestead in Jerome Township. The home farm is adorned with a large and commodious brick residence, erected at a cost of $2,000. For the last fifteen years, Mr. Taylor has made a leading pursuit in breeding and rearing Norman and Clydesdale horses, and has, perhaps, been one of the most successful men in Madison County. He purchased the celebrated Belgium horse in 1872, at a cost of $3,000, and retained him in his possession till he was killed in 1876. This animal he exhibited at the county and State fairs, and won for him the first and highest premiums. Mr. Taylor is a man of enterprise, and is always active in the affairs and best interests of the county. In 1839, he was married to Miss Eunice, daughter of Calvin and Eunice Allen, by whom he had three children; two of these are living—Mary, wife of Eli Shover, and Sarah E., wife of David Brown. Mrs. Taylor died, and November 27, 1844, he again married, this time to Rosanna Kent, who bore him four children—Samuel E., married Cynthia Fox; Rachel E. and Mahala, E. are at home; Dilla is deceased. Mrs. Taylor is a daughter of Daniel and Dilla (Shover) Kent. She was born on the old Kent homestead, May 5, 1821.

LEVI TAYLOR, farmer, P. O. Plain City, youngest child of Daniel and Mary (Brown) Taylor, was born in Jerome Township November 26, 1810. The former was born near Harper's Ferry, Md., in March, 1774, and the latter in Ireland in 1781. They were married in Virginia, and in 1802 removed to Union County, Ohio, and settled in Jerome Township, where Mr. Taylor bought a farm of 152 acres, besides 32 acres on the opposite side of Big Darby. He was one of the organizers of the county, and was a juror when the court convened at Franklinton. He died February 29, 1852; his wife preceded him but twenty-two days. He was for over half a century an active member of the Baptist Church. Our subject was reared to manhood on a farm, and was educated, as most pioneer boys are, in the common schools. February 18, 1831, he was married to Miss Margaret Low, a daughter of John Low. She died March 17, 1864, leaving three children—Mary (deceased), married Chauncey Barlow, and had one child, Lonson; and Daniel and John. Mr. Taylor was married the second time to Mrs. Matilda Lard, a native of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically, Mr. Taylor is Democratic. He owns a farm of 150 acres, located near Plain City.

ISAAC H. WARNER, farmer, P. O. Plain City, son of Elijah and Lois (Burdick) Warner, was born in Madison County, Ohio, July 12, 1842. His father was born in York State, November 14, 1810, and came to Madison County with his parents, Samuel and Chloe Warner, in 1814. In 1845, he came to Jerome Township and bought a farm of 166 acres of land, on which he died November 13, 1875. He married Lois A. Burdick, who was born in Madison County June 10, 1820, and had ten children; the following are living: Charles Q., Isaac H., Joshua C., Emma, Nettie, Hezekiah H., Blanch P., Ada C. and Albert E. Mr. Warner was reared to manhood on a farm. May, 1864, he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment Ohio National Guards, and served till discharged in the following September. He remained a member of the Home Guards till the close of the war. August 23, 1866, he was married to Mrs. Martha Marsh, widow of William Marsh and daughter of Frederick and Barbara Felber. Mrs. Warner, a native of Fairfield County, was born November 15, 1840. She is the mother of one child by her former husband, William F., born July 14, 1862. Mr. Warner owns a farm of ninety-eight acres, and is engaged in farming and raising fine cattle and hogs. He and family are members of the United Brethren Church. Politically, he votes Prohibition.

WILLIAM D. WAGNER, farmer, P. O. New California, a native of Licking County, Ohio, was born March 4, 1831 His father, a native of Washington County, Penn., was born April 3, 1787, and his grandfather, John Wagner, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. His mother, Nancy A. Cross, was born in Maryland April 1, 1788. They were married in March, 1812, and in 1815 removed to Licking County, Ohio, where Mr. Wagner died July 31, 1854. He served one year in Capt. Derender's company in the war of 1812. His widow departed this life July 11, 1869. They were the parents of eight children, of whom William is the youngest. In 1851, he came to Union County and remained one year, then returned and remained with his father till his death. He then came to Jerome Township and purchased a farm. He was married April 6, 1854, to Almira Bishop, daughter of Findley Bishop, a native of Union County, where she was born July 4, 1835. Their six children are as follows: John L.; Sarah A., wife of George Gordon; Nancy J.; William D., Jr.; James S. and Minnie. Mr. Wagner owns a farm of eighty-one acres, and in addition to farming he makes a leading pursuit of rearing Clydesdale horses. He also keeps thoroughbred Poland-China hogs.

JESSE WELDON (deceased) was born in Toronto, Canada, January 5, 1830. His parents, Isaac and Nursus (Valley) Weldon, were natives of Pennsylvania and Canada, respectively. His father died when he was eleven years old, and he lived with his mother till 1845, when he went to New York, and in 1848 to Fairfield County, Ohio; thence to Logan, Hocking County, where he resided till December, 1857, and came to Union County. May 11, 1856, he married Martha a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Wooley, by whom he had nine children; of them eight are living—Frances; Nursus B., wife of Eugene Smith; Isaac; Martha J.; Emma V.; Frederick E.; Solomon J. and Samuel W. Sarah E., wife of Thomas Davis, is deceased. Mr. Weldon was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died July 18, 1880, aged fifty years. He started in life a poor man, but by energy and industry he made for himself a reasonable competence. He left to his family seventy-six acres of well-cultivated land.

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, farmer, P. O. New California, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, October 26, 1842. He is a son of Ebenezer and Mary Williams, who were natives of Wales, and emigrated to the United States with their parents when young, and settled in Columbus, where they were married. They subsequently removed to Delaware County, where Mrs. Williams died in 1849. Mr. Williams is still a resident of that county. William, the subject of this sketch, was reared to manhood on a farm. August 3, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Ninety-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served in the armies of the Mississippi and Gulf, and was engaged in the following battles: Yazoo Swamp, Arkansas Post, siege of Vicksburg, Bayou——— and Spanish Fort siege; thence they marched to Forts Blakely and Whisler, near Mobile, where he was discharged at the close of the war. From July 7, 1864, to April 1, 1865, he was on Provost Marshal's duty. At the close of the rebellion he returned home and resumed farming. June 10, 1879, he was married to Miss Phœbe Curry, daughter of Capt. James A. and Phœbe Curry, by whom he has one child—Phœbe May, born April 18, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Williams reside on the original Curry homestead with Mrs. Curry, the widow of Capt. James A. Curry, who has attained the eighty-fourth year of her age. The homestead contains 211 acres, which is cultivated by Mr. Williams.

CHAPTER V.

MILL CREEK TOWNSHIP.

THIS was one of three original townships into which Union County was first subdivided. On the second subdivision of the county, in 1821, the boundaries of Mill Creek were fixed as follows, as shown by the record of commissioners' proceedings: "At a meeting of the Commissioners of Union County on the 12th day of March, 1821, they agreed to divide the County of Union into five townships, and the fifth township was to embrace all east of Paris Township to the east boundary line of said county, and to be known by the name of *Mill Creek.*" On March 29, 1829, the township was surveyed by order of the Commissioners of Union County by Levi Phelps, Surveyor, Union County, Ohio. March 5, 1839, "Ordered by the Commissioners that the boundary lines of Mill Creek Township and Dover Township be altered, so as to detach from Mill Creek Township and attach to Dover Township, Survey No. 3007, in the name of John Graham." "The first election for County and State officers held in the township, was on the 10th day of October, 1820, William Badley, John Jolly and Launcelot Maze acting as Judges; William Richey and Clement Badley, Clerks. There were twenty-four votes cast at this election, as follows: Ethan Allen Brown received twenty, W. H. Harris one, and Jeremiah Morrow three, for Governor; Nicholas Hathaway fourteen, and Lewis Foster ten, for Representatives; Gustavus Swan one, and Joseph Foos twenty-two, for Senator; Joseph Vance twenty-three for Congress; James Ewing twenty, and James Biggs two, for Sheriff; Samuel Robinson eight, David Conner seven, Henry Sager six, and Joseph Williams one, for Coroner."

In the spring of 1820, the first election was held for township officers; as the early records of the township were all destroyed by fire a few years ago, we can obtain no account of the election, or give any of the officials except the commissioned officers, obtained from the records at Marysville.

This township is situated in the southeast part of the county, and takes its name from Mill Creek, which flows through the north part of the township, of which we shall speak further hereafter; it is bounded on the north by Dover Township and the county of Delaware, on the east by Delaware County, on the south

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by Jerome Township, and on the west by Darby, Paris and Dover Townships. The lands of this township were surveyed at an early day; and, according to the records at the County Surveyor's office at Marysville, the work of surveying was all completed in less than eleven years. Below we give the various surveys of the township as found upon the records, and one noticeable feature is that more than *seven thousand acres*, embraced in *eight different surveys*, were surveyed by Nathainel Massie in *one day*, apparently a very extensive task for so short a time.

MILL CREEK TOWNSHIP SURVEYS.

Surveyed, June 3, 1797, for Robert Dundridge, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 1,307’ Nathaniel Massie, D. S. Surveyed, October 20, 1801, for John White, 1110⅔ acres, Survey No. 1,394, Joseph Kerr, D. S. Surveyed, June 3, 1797, for Sydnor Cosby, 400 acres, Survey No. 1,573, Nathaniel Massie, D. S. Surveyed, June 3, 1797, for John Phillips, Assee, 1070 acres, Survey No. 2,989, Nathaniel Massie, D. S. Surveyed, June 3, 1797, for William Croghaix, Assee, 1100 acres, Survey No. 2,992, Nathaniel Massie, D. S. Surveyed, June 3, 1797, for the representative or representatives of Isaac Jeffries, deceased, 800 acres, Survey No. 2,995, Nathaniel Massie, D. S. Surveyed, June 3, 1797, for the representative or representatives of Isaac Jeffries, deceased, 726⅔ acres, Survey No. 2,996, Nathaniel Massie, D. S. Surveyed, June 3, 1797, for the representative or representatives of Isaac Jeffries, deceased, 1140 acres, Survey No. 2,997, Nathaniel Massie, D. S. Surveyed, June 2, 1797, for Samuel Seldon, 1086 acres, Survey No. 2,998, Nathaniel Massie, D. S. Surveyed, June 3, 1797, for Peter Talbot, heir to William Worsham, deceased, 1000 acres, Survey No. 3,006, Nathaniel Massie, D. S. Surveyed, August 22, 1798, for James Lenkins, Assee, 1200 acres, Survey No. 3,349, Nathaniel Massie, D. S. Surveyed, October 20, 1801, for John White, 1000 acres, Survey No. 3,956, Joseph Kerr, D. S. Surveyed, December 20, 1807, for John Cole, 1600 acres, Survey No. 5,477, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed, January 2, 1808, for Thomas M. Bayly, Assee, 690 acres, Survey No. 5609, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed, January 4, 1808, for Thomas M. Bayly, Assee, 700 acres, Survey No. 5,610, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed, for John Baird, 295 acres, Survey No. 5724, of which fifty acres are in Mill Creek Township and the balance in Jerome Township.

STREAMS, SURFACE, SOIL, ETC.

The principal stream of this township is Mill Creek, which, as stated above, gave the name to the township. It enters from Dover, passing through Survey No. 3,956, and for more than a mile forms the boundary line between said townships, coursing in an easterly direction, and keeping said course till it reaches Survey No. 1,307, when it takes a very crooked course in a general northeast direction, passing diagonally through said survey; thence, in the same direction, passes through Survey No. 2,995, and enters Delaware County. This stream in an early day furnished the settlers with water-power privileges. Along its banks were built many of the early mills of the county, and the lands adjacent to it were chosen by the first settlers as sites for their homes. It receives but a few small runs that course from south to north in this township. In the central eastern portion of the township is Spring Run, rising on the farm of John Piersol and coursing in a northerly direction into Delaware County; it is, however, of no significance, only as a water supply for stock, and an outlet by which to drain the lands adjacent. And the same is true of the other small creeks and runs. The surface along Mill Creek is somewhat rolling and in some places hilly, but elsewhere over the township the surface is generally level, and lies beautifully for all agricultural purposes. Few, if any of the townships in the county, taken as a whole, present a more beautiful surface for farming purposes. The soil is deep, rich and productive. Along the creek bottoms and flat portions, it is a black loam, while the balance is a strong clay soil, most of it underlaid with a disintegrated limestone and gravel, the latter forming an abundance of good material for making roads. The timber of this section, originally, was much like that of the adjoining townships. Along creek bottoms were walnut, hickory, elm, sycamore and some oak as the prevailing varieties; elsewhere, hickory, elm, oak and sugar-tree prevailed, the latter forming a great source of profit as well as convenience from the sugar and molasses manufactured. The hickory and sugar-tree also furnished the people with the best quality of wood for fuel. The principal productions of the soil are wheat, corn, oats and potatoes. Considerable attention is given to stock raising by the farmers, as one of their best and surest sources of profit; and owing to the great improvements in stock, especially in sheep and hogs, it is becoming much more profitable, as well as interesting as a business to the thrifty farmers.

EARLY SETTLERS.

It is conceded that the first white man to make a settlement in Mill Creek Township was Ephraim Burroughs, a native of New Jersey, who with his family emigrated to Kentucky, leaving his native State September 15, 1795. In 1804, he removed to Clark County, Ohio, and at the close of the war of 1812 or about 1814–15, removed to this county, and settled near Mill Creek, a little east of the village of Watkins. Here he purchased 100 acres of Mr. Towler, and resided on it about four years, when he sold out and removed to Dearborn County, Ind., where he died, aged sixty-five years; his wife survived him about two years. Their children were as follows: Newton, who married and settled in Dearborn County, Ind., where he resided till his death; Jonathan, who is mentioned among the pioneers of Dover Township; Nancy, married Stephen Norton, is deceased; Polly, married George Durham and died in Indiana; James, married a Miss Liggett and also died in Indiana; Jesse, married Polly Wilson, of Indiana, but removed to Illinois, where he died; Ephraim, settled in Illinois; William, died in the army; Alhannan, married in Indiana, and still resides in that State; Elkanah, now resides in Indianapolis, and two daughters, deceased.

William Conklin we give as the second settler, although there were three or four families who came here the same year, and probably about the same time. Mr. Conklin was a native of the State of Delaware; married Rebecca Coleman, a native of Maryland, and at quite an early day emigrated to Ohio, residing for a time in Greene County. In the spring of 1816, he removed to this county and settled on the same tract of land with Mr. Burroughs, where he resided till a short time prior to the war of the rebellion. He removed West and died in Indiana. He was the father of the following children: John, married Emily Funk, and removed to Indiana; Elizabeth and Jemima, married early settlers and are mentioned in connection with them; Joel, married Polly Anderson; Hannah, married Jacob Warner, is deceased; Joseph, married Eliza J. Gamble; Martha, married Charles White, is deceased; Malachi, married Eve Hitson, of Indiana, he died in the war of the rebellion; and Anna, married Anderson Thompson and resides in Hardin County. Mr. Anderson is said to have paid for his farm in hickory nuts, which grew in abundance upon his land, and which he gathered and hauled over the mud roads to Springfield and Dayton and there sold them, and paid for his land with money made in that novel way.

Daniel Bell was probably a native of New Jersey, but became an early settler in Greene County, Ohio, and about 1816 of this township, near Mr. Conklin. He was a blacksmith by trade, which business he followed in connection with farming. Subsequently he removed to Indiana and settled on White River, but finally returned to Union County and died near Watkins. His children were Polly, Jesse, Mercy, Sally, John, Aaron and Charlotte; the latter now resides in Indiana; John lives in Holmes County, Ohio, and Sally in Iowa; all the others are deceased.

John Price, who married Polly Bell in Greene County, settled on Mill Creek at the same time with Daniel Bell, and remained a resident here till his death, June 29, 1834, aged forty-six years. Their children were Susan, Hannah, Daniel, Joseph and John, who all moved to the West.

John T. Thompson, with his aged father, James Thompson, emigrated from Virginia to Ohio and settled in Union County, about 1816, locating on Mill Creek, on Survey No. 5,477, known as the Towler Survey; and there the father, James Thompson, died, December 14, 1843, aged eighty-seven years. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary war, and was probably one of the first four families who settled in this township. John T. married Mary Nelson in Virginia, and after settling here remained a resident till his death. For further particulars of this prominent pioneer family, the reader is referred to the biographical sketch of James Thompson, of Dover, in another part of this work.

Alvin Randall, a native of New Hampshire, emigrated to the State of New York about 1809, and there married Elizabeth Rogers; thence, in 1812, emigrated to Ohio, locating at Worthington. In 1813 settled in Madison, Ind., where he was a voter in 1816, when Indiana was admitted as a State. In 1817, he became a resident of Darby Township, this county, and in 1819 settled in Mill Creek Township, on Survey No. 5,477. In 1839, he removed to Adams County, Ind., and while residing there buried his wife and two of his children. Subsequently, he removed to Noble County, Ind., where he remained till his death. Mr. Randall was a man of firm principles and character, of unwavering honesty, and possessed a good intellect. While a resident of Adams County, Ind., he served as Probate Judge, also as Sheriff of the county. He died at the advanced age of eighty-six years. He was the father of the following children: Charles, who died at seventeen years of age; Dorcas, died young; Emeline, married a Mr. Skinner, who died, and she subsequently married Mr. Pancake, who is also dead; she is now a widow and resides in Noble County, Ind.; Hannah, married William Shepman, both deceased; Joshua R., married and resides in Delaware County, Ohio, where he is proprietor of a paper mill; Alvin, married and resides in Noble County, Ind.; William, married and resides in same county; Phebe married Mr. Bell and resides in same county; and John and Pyrena, who died young in Adams County, Ind.

Hezekiah Burdick, a native of one of the New England States, emigrated with his family to Ohio, and settled on land now owned by Mary C. Shields, on Survey No. 2,995, and resided there many years; but subsequently removed to Marion County, Ohio, where he died. His children were Hannah, who married Ralph Graham; Betsey, married William Taylor and now resides near Plain City; John was killed by a falling tree while a young man; Phebe married and settled on the Darby Plains in Madison County; William, died young, unmarried; Lois, married a Mr. Warner; and Milton.

James Bell, Esq., a native of New Jersey, born 1778, married Sarah Warner, of Pennsylvania, in 1799. In 1804, emigrated to Ohio and settled in Warren County, near Lebanon. In 1818, removed to this county and settled on the same survey with Mr. Burroughs, and after the organization of the county in 1824, was elected a Justice of the Peace. He had erected a large and commodious log cabin, and for several years the elections were held at his house. He died November 23, 1848, aged sixty-six years; his wife died October 31, 1869, aged ninety years. Of their children, Elizabeth, married William Graham and died in this county; Judith, married Robert Graham, is deceased; Jesse and Jacob moved to Indiana; and Phineas, married Catherine Graham, is deceased.

Thomas Springer settled here about 1818–19, but remained only a few years and moved West.

Asa Robinson, a native of Massachusetts, while young, removed with his father's family to the State of New York, and in 1809 is said to have moved to Ohio, and very early settled in Delaware County. He was engaged in the milling business at Hinton's mill soon after its erection. After running that mill about three years, he purchased a tract of land upon which he located, which is now owned by

Richard Pounds, on Survey No. 2,992, and made his residence here till his death, May 12, 1865, aged eighty-four years. He married Mrs. Ann Catharine Myers, *nee* Turney, a native of Westmoreland County, Penn., by whom he had the following children: Bartlett G., who became a practicing physician, never married, and died at Woodstock in Champaign County, Ohio; Joseph T., married Eliza Mann, of Pennsylvania, is now a minister in the Christian Church and resides at Crestline, Ohio; Henry died on a journey to California, in 1849; Asa died in infancy; Daniel, unmarried; Adam, married Elizabeth Kirkland and is proprietor of the Park House at Green Bend; Samuel, died in California in 1850, aged twenty years; Harriet, married William McCawley, is deceased; Mary, married John S. Smart and now resides in Marysville; and Margaret, married Martin Savage and resides in Dover.

About 1818–22, the following became settlers of Mill Creek Township: Joseph Harrison and sons, Aaron, Moses and Benjamin, all locating on Survey No. 2,998: Valentine T. Shover, John Sherman, Thomas Daniel, Silas Osborn, Nathaniel Toothacre and John Gray, all settled on Survey No. 5,477; John, William, Asa and Randolph Death—four brothers, colored men—settled near the Harrisons, but it is believed most of them soon moved away.

Zebadiah Farnum, a native of Rhode Island, married Jane McNinch, a native of Connecticut, and emigrated to the State of New York at an early day; thence, about 1823, he removed with his family to Ohio and settled in Union County, near where the village of Watkins now stands, where he cleared his land and made him a home, residing upon it until his death, October 13, 1854, aged eighty-five. Of their children, Polly married Asahel Rose, who emigrated to this county prior to Mr. Farnum; she died here; Samuel married Hannah Randall in New York and came to this county in 1820, residing here about twenty years; they removed to Shelby County, Ohio, where he died; Priscilla, married Seymour Wilkins in New York, and finally settled in this county, where he died; she still survives and resides in Watkins, in her eighty-first year; Henry, married Fanny Hamlin, of Franklin County, Ohio, and subsequently settled in Mill Creek and died here; Betsey died in infancy; Sallie died in childhood; Sophronia married Adam Richy, who died September 25, 1871, aged sixty-four years; she survives him and now resides at Dover; Isaac died young; Chester married Sarah Longbrake and subsequently settled in Illinois; his health failing, he started with his family to return to Ohio, but died on the way before getting out of the State of Illinois; his family continued their homeward journey, and his widow now resides in Dover Township; Jane married Elijah Newhouse and settled near Millville, Delaware Co., Ohio, where he died; she still survives, and resides on the home place; Susan married Jacob Longbrake, now deceased; she survives and resides on the home place; Caroline married William Cory, who died, and she married Samuel Sherwood; he died at Marysville, and she still survives and resides at Marysville; and Emily, who married Warret Owen, a native of Champaign County, Ohio, but who settled at Watkins in the fall of 1845, where they have since resided. He has served as Justice of the Peace more than twenty years, and is one of the reliable citizens of the township has filled the office of Postmaster at Watkins for twenty years.

George Graham was a native of England, and was united in marriage with Elizabeth Lazenbee; emigrated to America and settled in the State of New York; thence removed to Clark County, Ohio, where he died. His children were as follows: George, Thomas, Mary, Betsey, William, Ralph, Robert and Hannah (twins), all of whom, except George, the eldest, removed to Union County and settled here about 1821. Thomas married Jemima Conklin, and resided here till just before the war of the rebellion; they removed to Delaware County, where they died; Mary married Richard Bancroft, a native of England, resided here till quite aged, raised a family, many of whom married and settled in Iowa, where their parents journeyed to make them a visit, and while there they died; William married Betsey Bell and resided here through life; Betsey married John Thompson and died in this township; Ralph married Hannah Burdick and remained here till death; Robert married Judith Bell and died in Marysville; and Hannah, who married Christian Myers, is now a widow and resides on the home farm.

Pierce Lamphere settled in this township on land near Watkins, in 1822–23; he married a Miss Price, resided here several years, and was one of the early teachers; subsequently, he moved north and settled on Blues Creek. Their children were Sarah, who died young, and was the second body interred in the Watkins Cemetery, and Harriet.

Aaron Tossey, a native of New England, married a Mrs. Soules and settled on land south of Watkins, now owned by his son, Philemon, about 1823, where they resided till death. Their children were William, who married Polly Bell, is deceased; Stephen married Sarah Graham, and subsequently removed to Illinois, where they died; Lorenzo died young, also Solon; Philemon married Judith Graham and resides on the old home farm; Elizabeth married John Richards.

Elder Daniel Long was a native of Maryland, born August 9, 1789; he was a soldier in the war of 1812, and became a settler of Union County about 1820, or perhaps earlier. He traveled over a large portion of Southern Ohio, and organized many Christian Churches. The Watkins Christian Church was the first of that denomination in the township, and was organized by Elder Long, who served as its pastor for many years. He continued in ministerial work till the very close of his life, November 26, 1873, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. He died while in the midst of a series of meetings at the church in Mill Creek Township. He was one of the pioneer ministers of Ohio, an excellent man and an earnest Christian worker. He married Nancy Kelly, by whom he had one child—Thomas W.

George Lukenbill settled on Survey No. 2,989, on land now owned by George Freshwater, about 1823; subsequently he moved above Marysville, where he died.

John McCawley, a native of Scotland, emigrated to America and settled in Virginia; thence, about 1824, came to this county and settled on Survey No. 2,992, on the land now owned by W. Schmidt, where he resided till his death.

Bennett Beard settled on Mill Creek about 1824, and erected one of the first saw mills in this vicinity, which he operated for several years. About the same year, there came to this township and settled here Jacob Hawk, Alexander Garringer, John Heriff, Samuel Saunders, Zachariah Smith, Jeremiah Roe, John Keens and Jacob Taylor. Also, the same year, Joseph Watkins settled on Survey No. 1,307. In 1825, Asahel Rose and James Fowler settled on Survey No. 5,477; Daniel Andrews settled on same survey, but only lived there about two years and moved away. In 1826, Richard Bancroft settled on same Survey. The same year came William Rogers and settled in the northeast part of the township, on land now owned by John Penn; he was a school teacher, but subsequently moved away. Edmond Holycross settled on Survey No. 5,477. William Newhouse settled here same year, but remained here only about two years and moved away. Cornelius Rose was here about the same year. About 1827 came Joel Coleman, William Devol, Daniel Roberts, Simpson White—the latter settled on Survey No. 2,992—Perry Eubank and Isaac Anderson—the latter, a native of New York, settled on Survey No. 2,992.

About 1828, we find Christian Myers and Charles Hamlin to be residents here. In 1829, Clement Brawdy, Abraham Stiner and David Smith appear as settlers; the latter located on Survey No. 1,573.

John S. Smart, born in Franklin County, Ohio, March 20, 1811, settled in Mill Creek Township in 1829, and married Mary Robinson May 20, 1833. They resided in the township fifty-two years, when, in the fall of 1881, they moved to Marysville. He began in the woods and has cleared up and brought into cultivation three farms. He commenced as a poor man, and now owns 211 acres of well-improved land. He was compelled to go nine miles to mill on horseback to get his grist ground. Now, he has retired to the pleasant town of Marysville to enjoy the balance of his days, the comforts of a competency which his own hands have accumulated. Their family consisted of the following children: Catharine J., who married Isaac Breckenridge, and resides in Franklin County; Joseph married Mary Hutchinson and resides in Delaware County; Oliver P. married Margaret Piersol and resides in Kansas; Samantha married Charles Richey; Margaret married William Bell, she died in Illinois; Susan married James McCurgan and resides on the home place; Asa married Laura Edson; Isaac married Miss Breckenridge and resides in Auglaize County; John Henry married Miss Stimmel, is deceased; William, unmarried, resides with his father, and Etta married Silas McKitrick and resides in Marysville.

About 1830, James Martin settled on Survey No. 1,573, but subsequently removed to Illinois. About the same year, Jacob Bowersmith settled on Survey No. 2,992. Samuel Dixon came about the same time. In 1830, John Lame, from New York, removed to Clark County, Ohio, and in 1832 settled in Mill Creek Township, where he resided till his death, May 4, 1858, aged sixty-three years. In 1833, or about that time, Absalom Ligget came from Ross County. J. H. P. Bouic, a native of Maryland, came to Franklin County, Ohio, in 1830, and in 1835 settled in this township, where he has since resided.

The above embrace most of the true pioneers and early settlers. Some of these may have settled earlier, but from the best information we could obtain from those now living, and from the records and a careful examination of the tax duplicates in the Auditor's office, we are satisfied we are not very far wrong in the dates of their respective settlements.

SCHOOLS.

The first settlement made in Mill Creek Township, was on Survey No. 5,477, and the first settler Ephraim Burroughs, and in this vicinity we would naturally expect to find the establishment of the first school, which was the fact. As soon as a sufficient number of families had settled here to form a nucleus for a school, we find their attention given to the education and welfare of their children, and in a few years after Mr. Burroughs had made the first opening in the mighty forests, a number of families had concentrated in that neighborhood. Mr. Burroughs having moved away, his vacated cabin was occupied for school purposes, and Mrs. Martha Gulick was the first teacher. She was a daughter of William Richey, Sr., one of the early settlers. The next to fill the position of teacher, it is believed, was Pierce Lamphere. The first building erected expressly for school purposes, was a log house built on the farm of Zebadiah Farnum; the land is now owned by Esquire Owens. It is believed that Taber Randall was the first teacher in the new schoolhouse. This was, of course, one of the primitive kind, so often described that it is not necessary to delineate it further here. This building was succeeded by one or two other log houses; about 1849, a frame house was erected, which was succeeded by the present brick house, built about 1868.

The next school established was in the settlement of the Harrisons, Robinsons and others, in the eastern part of the township, now known as Subdistrict No. 1, or the Myers District. The first building erected here for school purposes was one of the primitive log houses with a fire-place six feet long in one end, greased paper for windows, etc. Some of the first teachers employed here were William Rogers, James Martin, Alin Randall and P. B. Cole. Thus, from settlement to settlement, as the country was occupied and the population increased, schools were organized and conducted upon the subscription plan until the present excellent system of free schools was established, when the township was divided into regular school districts. These, at the present time, number nine, with enumeration of scholars as follows: Subdistrict No. 1, males, 19; females, 20; total, 39. Subdistrict No. 2, males, 18; females, 22; total, 40. Subdistrict No. 3, males, 30; females, 23; total, 53. Subdistrict No. 4, males, 22; females, 18; total, 40. Subdistrict No. 5, males, 13; females, 11; total, 24. Subdistrict No. 6, males, 12; females, 15; total, 27. Subdistrict No. 7, males, 17; females, 11; total, 28. Subdistrict No.

8, males, 19; females, 13; total, 32. Subdistrict No. 9, males, 22; females, 14; total, 36. Total, males, 172; females, 147; grand total, 319.

REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Balance on hand September 1, 1881	$1,686 11
State tax	483 00
Irreducible school funds	32 50
Township tax for school and schoolhouse purposes	1,570 52
Total	$3,772 13

EXPENDITURES.

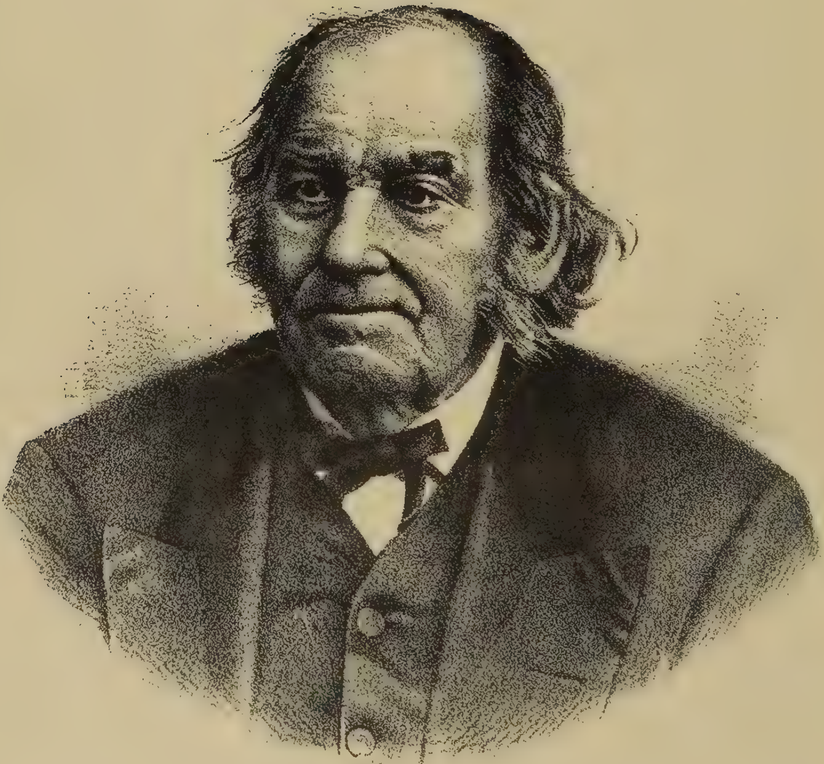
Amount paid teachers in common schools	$1,843 50
Amount paid for fuel and other contingent expenses	1,346 62
Total	$3,190 12
Balance on hand September 1, 1882	$582 01
Number of schoolhouses in the township	9
Number of school rooms	9
Number of teachers to supply schools	9
Average wages of male teachers	$32
Average wages of female teachers	$26
Average number of of weeks schools in session	27
Total value of school property	$ 5,400

CHURCHES.

One of the first objects of attention in the settlement on Mill Creek was the spiritual condition of her people ; and we find, about 1818, Rev. Henderson Crabb held a meeting at the house of William Conklin and organized a class consisting of the following persons : William Conklin, Sr., Rebecca Conklin, Joseph Conklin, Joel Coleman, John Conklin, Jemina Conklin, William Conklin, Jr., Betsy Bell and possibly one or two others. Soon after its organization, Hezekiah Burdick and wife Polly, and Pierce Lamphere and wife settled in the neighborhood and united with the class, and Mr. Burdick became class leader and continued as such for many years. This class was the nucleus of the Watkins Methodist Episcopal Church. They continued to hold meetings at the house of said William Conklin, Sr., for about sixteen years, after which they held meetings at the houses of various members of the society, until about 1849, when they erected a frame house for church purposes, which still stands where it was first built, but is now owned by Warret Owen, Esq., and used as a barn. The above house served the people as a church edifice until 1869–70, when the present neat and substantial brick church was erected at a cost of about $3,000. It was dedicated November 6, 1870, by appropriate exercises, by Rev. Mr. Mather, of Delaware, Ohio. The following were a few of the ministers of this church : Rev. Smith, Rev. George Maley, Rev. John Havens and Rev. Simms.

Christian Church at Watkins was organized at the house of John Price, October 15, 1825, by Elder Long, on the following principles : "To take the Holy Scripture for the only rule of faith and practice, and to fellowship all Christians. In confirmation whereof we have pledged our hearts and joined our hands, this day and date above mentioned." This church to be known as the Christian Church of Price's settlement. The following nineteen persons are believed to have been the constituent members : Joel Coleman, William Conklin, Rebecca Conklin, Eliza Conklin, Mary Price, William Thompson, Sarah Thompson, Martha Conklin, Nancy Thompson, John Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson, James Thompson, Temperance Thompson, Thomas Graham, John Conklin, John Taylor, John Keens, Catharine Keens and Nancy Taylor. They held their meetings in private houses for awhile, then in the schoolhouse till the erection of the Methodist Church, after which they held services therein until 1861, when they erected their present frame church edifice. On Saturday evening, November 10, 1861, services were held in the new church, and a discourse delivered by Elder Marvin ; and on the next day, Sunday, November 11, 1861, the house was duly dedicated to service by a sermon from Elder Marvin. Elder Daniel Long was the principal minister for many years ; occasional preaching was had from Elders Daniel Griffin, Joseph Robinson, and others. September 17, 1859, Elder Riley Fuller became pastor of the church ; since then, it has had the following ministers, viz., Elders Daniel Long, C. A. Williams, Samuel Horn, Jonathan Pugh, William Webb, Riley Fuller, W. A. Dobbins and Elder William Overturf. The first Deacons of whom we get any information were Thomas Graham and John Taylor. They were succeeded by Nelson Finney and Anderson Thompson. In 1849, the name of the church was changed to "Christian Church at Watkins," and on June 30 of that year the first meeting was held at the house of Charles White, when William Walley and Chark Low were chosen Deacons. March 26, 1859, Stephen Graham was chosen Deacon in place of William Walley, who desired to be liberated from the office. Aaron Tossey became Deacon in place of Chark Low, who resigned. In the summer of 1879, the church building having become old and out of repair, a committee, consisting of Gideon Ligget, Robert Thompson, Isaiah Lame, Lyle Stimmel and Low Hobert, was appointed to make suitable repairs to the church, which was again occupied for services in October, 1879. The present membership of the church is about one hundred and fifty. The following persons appear to have been clerks, viz., John Keens, George Thompson, Thomas Graham, William Graham, William Thompson, Isaiah Lame and Robert Graham, who served temporarily, while Mr. Lame was serving in the army ; on his return after the war, he again resumed the clerkship, and has served as such to the present time.

Christian Church of Elder Long's Settlement was organized in May, 1832, at the house of Daniel Long, with the following thirty-five constituent members : Elder Daniel Long, John Ramsey, Daniel Somers, John Guy, Vinson Sherman, Levi Hinton, Elisha Decker, Nancy Long, Diana Ramsey, Rachel Somers, Mary Mathews, Jane Guy, Mahala Sherman, Polly Mathews, Cynthiann Black, Rebecca Roberts, Mary E. Anderson, Mina Hinton, Sally Ramsey, Margaret Decker, Elizabeth Bradford, Elizabeth Dixon, Elizabeth White, Sarah Duvall, Deborah Hinton, Mary Brown, Mary Ann Coberly, Amanda Humble, John Polk, Isaac Anderson, Drusilla Cripin, Rachel Brown, Catharine Brown, Mary Ann Stiner, Anna Hays, Jacob Hawk, S. Hawk and Elizabeth Stiner. They held their meetings at private houses, principally at Elder Long's. At the time he erected his large barn, they held a series of revival meetings in it, and many were added to the church. In the summer of 1843, they erected a frame house for church purposes, a little south of the farm of Mrs. Hannah Myers, on ground donated for the purpose by Asa Robinson, the land to remain as theirs so long as used for church purposes, and whenever it ceased to be used as such, it should revert to the donor or to his heirs. This house was used as a church until 1880, when the present neat and substantial frame church edifice was erected at a cost of about $1,600. It is located on the Delaware & Plain City gravel road, in the east part of the township ; is neatly and well furnished, and is a comfortable and tasty country church. Some of the ministers who have served the church during the past twenty-five years have been : Elders Riley Fuller, William Webb, Samuel Horn, Williams, Lohr, Alexander Dobbins, Henry Holverstott and William Overturf. The present membership is about eighty. Present Deacons, William Stockton, Edward Wells and John Penn. They have had a good Sabbath school for many years, and it now has an average attendance of about fifty. The school



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is conducted only through the summer season, with Jerry Williamson as Superintendent.

Providence Presbyterian Church was organized in December, 1860, by Rev. Mr. Brinkerhoff, of Frankfort, Delaware County, Ohio, consisting of the following persons: Rebecca Bouic, J. H. P. Bouic, Rachel Hutchinson, Joseph Turney, Benjamin Turney and wife Elizabeth, and perhaps one or two others, with Benjamin Turney and J. H. P. Bouic as Elders. The church edifice was erected in the summer of 1860, and dedicated in December following, the dedicatory sermon being preached by Rev. Brinkerhoff. In the summer of 1861, on the division between the Old and New School Presbyterians, this society became united under the Congregational Church articles of faith, and remained with that church till about 1877, when it again came under the Presbytery, subscribed to its articles of faith, and was embraced in the Marion Presbytery, where it has since remained. The following have been pastors of this church: Rev. Mr. Brinkerhoff, Rev. A. M. Hamlin, Rev. C. N. Coulter, Rev. Thomas Hill and Rev. I. N. Thomas. During the past summer the church has been supplied by Rev. Ferguson, of Marysville. The following have served as Elders: Benjamin Turney, J. H. P. Bouic, Joseph Hutchinson, John S. Smart and Richard Clark. The present membership is about twenty-five. A Sabbath school was organized in the summer of 1861, and has been continued through the summer season every year since; during the last three years, it was continued during winter and summer, had a good attendance and was in a flourishing condition, until November, 1882, when it was closed on account of the prevalence of small-pox at Ostrander, but will be re-opened in the spring of 1883. J. H. P. Bouic served as the first Superintendent after the organization of the school; he was succeeded by Benjamin Turney, and he by J. R. Hutchinson, then Asa Smart served for awhile. During the summer of 1882, J. H. P. Bouic acted as Superintendent until the closing of the school in November, as mentioned above.

CEMETERIES.

The Watkins Cemetery is the oldest and principal one in the township. This is situated a little southeast of the village of Watkins, on the farm of S. Wilkins. This ground was dedicated to this sacred use soon after a settlement was formed here, by the reception of a child of Mr. Ephraim Burroughs, which died in 1817. The second person buried here was Sarah, a daughter of Pierce Lamphere; since then it has received the remains of many of the pioneers as well as a large number of the dead of more recent years. It contains probably one acre or more of ground, is now deeded to the Trustees of the township, and is under their care and supervision. There is a small cemetery near the Providence Presbyterian Church, on the land of J. H. P. Bouic; but few interments have been made there, and it is but little used. These are all the public cemeteries in Mill Creek Township. There may be a few private burial places, where certain persons have been buried by request, or in an early day, from necessity, before the regular cemeteries were established.

ROADS AND PIKES.

This township has no railroad passing through its domain, but is supplied with good gravel roads and pikes, the principal of which are the California & Bellepoint, Delaware & Watkins, Watkins & California, Watkins & Bellepoint, Marysville & Watkins, and the Marysville & California gravel roads. Several other cross or connecting roads are now graveled, and when we compare the present condition of roads and the means of travel and transportation with what they were sixty years ago, the contrast is remarkable. Such are the improvements and progress of the age.

VILLAGE OF WATKINS.

Watkins is the only village in the township. Upon the records at Marysville we find the following: "On July 12, 1838, was surveyed a certain tract of land in Survey No. 1,307, in Mill Creek Township, Union County, Ohio, and the same was laid off into twenty-eight lots, four streets and two alleys, for a town to be known by the name of Watkins, Joseph S. Watkins, Deputy Surveyor." The proprietors were Thomas P. Watkins and William Conklin, who duly acknowledged the laying-out of the above for the purposes aforesaid, before James Turner, a Justice of the Peace, and the same was duly recorded with the plat July 13, 1838; P. B. Smith Recorder, Union County, Ohio.

The first house in Watkins was built by James Thompson, which was a frame and was erected just east of Ray Thompson's store. He also opened the first store in the place, about 1840, in one room of his house. The first blacksmith was Jacob Warner. The post office was established in 1840-41, with James Thompson appointed Postmaster, which office he held till about 1860, when he was succeeded by William Mosier, who served about one year. He was succeeded by Warret Owen, Esq., who has held the office to the present time. The first physician was Mains Wassoń; he has been succeeded by Dr. Reed, Dr. Rose, Dr. William Andrews, Dr. T. P. Shields and Dr. John Pounds; the latter is the present practicing physician. The village now contains two general stores—one by Ray Thompson and the other by Leonard Coltise; one blacksmith, Edward Bolton; one wagon-maker, William Covey, and one harness shop, by Warret Owen & Son. The town probably contains a population of about seventy-five.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

1821-29, William Richey; 1824-29, Samuel Farnum; 1824, James Richey; 1825, James Buck; 1836, William Richey; 1836, Samuel Farnum; 1836-41, Christian Meyers; 1837-42, James Bell; 1842-44, William Hays; 1843-51, James Thompson; 1848-53, John Hutchinson; 1851-56, Warret Owen; 1853, Christian Meyers; 1854, J. H. P. Bouic; 154, Benjamin Gamble; 1856, H. B. Felkner; 1857, Anderson Thompson; 1859-64, D. B. Hays; 1860, Warret Owen; 1863-74, W. H. Andrews; 1864, William Walley; 1867, William O. Hays; 1870, R. L. Stimmel; 1873, Stephen Graham; 1875-81, Warret Owen; 1876-81, Stephen Long; 1882, Warret Owen.

VALUATIONS.

Value of lands of Mill Creek Township, $336,580; value of real estate in towns and villages, $1,280; value of chattel property, $145,415; total, $483,275.

MILL CREEK GRANGE NO. 99, OF WATKINS.

This was the first Grange organized in Union County. It was instituted August 11, 1873, by William H. Stokes, of Warren County, Ohio, a Deputy of the National Grange, with the following officers selected by the charter members, viz.: Thomas P. Shields, Master; John M. Roney, Overseer; Lewis Lemay, Lecturer; Bolivar Hays, Steward; Aaron Tossey, Jr., Assistant Steward; Samuel Hannawalt, Chaplain; R. L. Stimmell, Treasurer; William D. Brown, Secretary; Thomas N. Elsom, Gate-keeper; Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson, Ceres; Mrs. Maria Ligget, Pomona; Mrs. Martha J. Elsom, Flora; Mrs. Emily J. Elsom, Lady Assistant Steward. For a few years the society prospered, and in 1876 they raised money by voluntary subscriptions and erected a neat and commodious hall, furnishing it appropriately, at a cost of about $1,000. The hall was dedicated April 5, 1877, by S. H. Ellis, Master of the Ohio State Grange. This society has endured great loss in membership, from deaths, removals and other causes.

But recently there has been a revival of interest, and with a membership of about thirty it enters upon the year 1883 with brighter prospects. Present officers are, Lewis Lemay, Master; M. R. Haggard, Overseer; Aaron Tossey, Jr., Lecturer; William D. Brown, Steward; Isaiah Lame, Assistant Steward; William H. Elsom, Chaplain; Mrs. Sarah Lame, Treasurer; Thomas P. Shields, Secretary; Luther Ligget, Gate Keeper; Mrs. E. S. Brown, Ceres; Mrs. S. A. E. Elsom, Pomona; Mrs. Maria Ligget, Flora, and Miss M. T. Shields, Lady Assistant Steward.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

DANIEL ANDERSON, farmer, P. O. Ostrander, was born in Mill Creek Township, August 7, 1841. His parents were Isaac and Emeroy (Hill) Anderson, the former a native of New York City, and the latter of Vermont. Mr. Anderson's parents were natives of Scotland, and emigrated to America in 1790, locating in New York City, where they both died during the war of 1812, leaving five children—Anthony, Alexander, Isaac and two daughters. Isaac, the father of our subject, was early apprenticed to the tanner's trade in the city, serving until he was about twenty years of age, when he went to Indiana; then came to Madison County, Ohio, a short time after and resided near Plain City till 1821, when he came to Mill Creek Township and purchased 220 acres of land. He cleared up most of the farm, and was Trustee of Mill Creek a great many years. He married Miss Emeroy Hill, by whom he had twelve children, eight of whom are now living, viz.: Mary A. (wife of James Guy), Elizabeth (wife of Gideon Carr), Maria (wife of Joseph Norris), Simpson, Polly (widow of Amazial Hayes), Alexander, Daniel and Andrew. Mr. Anderson's death occurred April 5, 1867, and his wife died September 4, 1854. Daniel was brought up on the farm and educated in the common schools. January 3, 1861, he was married to Miss Esther, daughter of Conrad and Mary A. Carr. Mrs. Anderson was born in Delaware County, Ohio, January 1, 1844. Their three children are as follows: Elmer, born December 13, 1862; Mollie B., born November 17, 1864, and G. Clifton, born October 17, 1874. Mr. Anderson is a thorough and successful farmer and stock-raiser. His farm contains 125 acres and is well-improved. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics is a Democrat.

WALTER B. BEECHER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, one of the leading farmers of Mill Creek Township was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., May 23, 1832. His parents, Zina and Lucretia (Sanford) Beecher, were natives of near New Haven, Conn. His father was born in November, 1784, and his mother October 27, 1790. They were married in New Haven, Conn., and in 1807 removed to Herkimer County, N. Y., thence to Grant County, where they resided, Mr. Beecher operating a tannery till the fall of 1836, when they removed to Licking County, Ohio. Mr. Beecher bought a farm of 220 acres and farmed and kept a dairy till his death, October 25, 1865. Mrs. B. died February 26, 1880. They had nine children, six sons and three daughters. Two of the daughters are deceased. Walter, the youngest, was reared on the homestead in Licking County and educated in the common schools. His father bought 371 acres of land in Mill Creek Township, and in April, 1853, gave it to his sons, George and Walter. The following winter, then a single man, Mr. Beecher came and settled on his share of the land, 185 acres; all was in woods. He cleared a place and erected a log cabin. The succeeding year, 1854, he married and moved into his new home. Mr. Beecher started here a poor man, with only a horse, saddle and bridle, and $2 in money. But, with an indomitable energy, he began to carve his fortune out of the woods. He cleared off his farm, all but twenty acres and kept making additional purchases till he now owns 523 acres of the best land in the township. Mr. Beecher is a thorough and successful farmer and has dealt largely in stock. He keeps a flock of about 600 sheep, besides a good many cattle. He is a man of great perseverance, and his success was, no doubt, largely due to those elements of character. December 10, 1854, he was married to Orinda J., daughter of Samuel and Jane (Riddle) Sherwood. Mrs. Beecher was born in Madison County, June 1, 1834. Seven children were the fruits of this union, four of whom are now living, viz.: Emma F., born September 5, 1857, wife of W. A. Bill; Lucretia J., born March 28, 1860, wife of Chester K. Siegman, and have one child, Ada O., born April 4, 1882; Zina A., born March 29, 1864; and Willie L., born June 25, 1870. Henry H. born July 22, 1872, and died November 9, 1876; Bertha A. born August 13, 1876, and died February 8, 1877; an infant son died October 13, 1868. Mrs. Beecher's parents were early settlers in Madison County. Her father was born April 2, 1807, and died December 29, 1859. Her mother was born March 8, 1812, and died December 21, 1836. They were married February 11, 1830. Mrs. Beecher is a member of the Methodist Church, and Mr. B. is a Republican.

JAMES BELL was born in the State of New Jersey about the year 1778, and was married to Miss Sarah Warner, of Pennsylvania, in 1799, they having two children born to them in Pennsylvania, after which they emigrated to the State of Ohio, in the year 1804, to Warren County, near what is now the town of Lebanon, and there they had a son born to them December

12, 1805, Silas Bell, for whom this biography is written in memory of. He was brought by his parents to Union County, Ohio, in the year 1813, and settled on the farm now owned by W. C. Henderson, Mill Creek Township. He (James Bell) was one of the first settlers in the township. He was the first Squire elected in the township, and held the office for many years, he having the largest and most convenient log cabin in the township, for there were no other kind of houses those days. The township elections were held at his house for several years. Now that we have given a brief history of the parents of Mr. Silas Bell, we will endeavor to give a biographical history of Silas Bell. He came to Union County with his parents in 1813, being eight years old and not large enough to do much work, and finding a vast wilderness and the Indians, bear, deer, wolves and other wild animals too numerous to mention, he naturally became a great hunter and trapper, and followed that until he was a man grown, running some narrow risks and performing some feats that are almost incredible to relate, a few of which we will endeavor to give in this sketch. Being late in the fall, Mr. James Bell (the father of this family) took his gun early in the morning and went in pursuit of venison; he killing a deer in a very short time, he dragged it to the path leading to the house. He went to the house and took his boy, Silas, and his sister, to prepare the meat for use, telling them to keep the path until they came to the deer, and he would go around through the woods and perhaps he might kill another. They had gone but a short distance when they heard the report of their father's gun. They had proceeded but a few paces farther when a large bear came into the path a few rods ahead of the children, they having nothing to protect themselves with but an ax. This boy not being easily scared, squared himself in the path, when the bear came at them with open mouth, snorting so loud that it made the woods ring. It came on within about one jump of the boy, who stood firm with ax drawn ready for the conflict, when bruin stopped short, wheeled to the left and disappeared in the woods. The boy being excited by the bear and encouraged by its flight, was bound to pursue the animal and renew the attack, but his sister being older and more thoughtful, persuaded him to let the bear go. The bear had been wounded by their father, but he made his escape. This was the adventure and courage of a boy of fourteen summers. Another venturesome act he practiced in his hunting career was climbing the most gigantic trees in the wilderness for coon and wild honey, one act of which the writer of this sketch, was an eye witness, but not of the one we wish to relate. The tree was an oak, five feet in diameter, in which he had found a swarm of bees. He managed to fell a small tree against it, by means of which he reached the large limb in which the bees were, about seventy feet from the ground. He chopped the limb from the large oak, and in falling it knocked the small tree to the ground. Looking around him a moment, he saw one of the limbs of the oak extended out over a tough black hickory. His first thought was to crawl out on the limb and jump down on that tree. The thought was no sooner than the action. He jumped down a distance of fifteen or twenty feet, lighting safely in the top of the hickory. Such were some of the adventures of his boyhood days. He continued to live with his father and mother until he was in the twenty-first year of his age, this being the year 1826, when he was married to Miss Abigail Sherman, and in the spring of 1827, settled on the farm now owned by Phineas Bell, his only surviving son. Now, at this period of life, he in a great measure abandoned his hunting and trapping and went to actual labor. Not having much taste for farming, he sought labor on different jobs of public works, such as canals, turnpikes, etc. He followed this avocation until the fall of 1839, when he had the sad misfortune to lose his wife, leaving him with six children, the oldest twelve years old. One thing remarkable about him was, he remained a widower the remainder of his life. After losing his companion, he was compelled to stay at home with his children, so he took up the boot and shoe making, followed that of falls and winters about twenty years, making sugar during the spring, and digging wells during the summer season of that period of time, after which he abandoned all these kinds of labor and turned his attention to the improvement of his farm. His four oldest children being girls, left him with but little help on the farm, the writer being his only son; but he being a man of iron constitution, and equally firm in purpose, he was fully able for the task. He continued his labor on the farm a few years, when he took a notion to see the Western wilds. He having a brother in the central part of Kansas, he first went there. They made up a party and went on a buffalo hunt. This aroused the hunting spirit that had almost died out in his mind. He shouldered his gun with the rest of the company and started for the buffalo plains, where they found them in countless numbers. We have often heard him remark that he could see buffalo as far as the sight of the eye could extend. He killed several of them; killed one antelope and one wolf. He shot the wolf at break of day. There were several wolves eating at the carcass of a buffalo they had killed near where they had camped. Not being light enough to see very well, he shot somewhat by guess. Seeing he had crippled it, he took up the neckyoke of the wagon and attacked the animal, which gave him fight. So his first adventure was with a bear and last with a wolf. He then returned home and resumed his labor on the farm, and at his death had one of the finest improved farms in Mill Creek Township, with the exception of buildings, which he never took much pride in. Now that we have given a brief history of the adventures and pursuits of labor of Mr. Silas Bell, we will give an impartial sketch of the moral character of the same. He had the good fortune, by nature, to be very mild in temper, and very regular in all the habits of life, which insured him general good health.

A mild temper, regular habits and a charitable disposition gained a lasting friendship of all that knew him. His life was an exemplary one, full of faith, hope and charity, and good will toward men. Such is a partial history of the late Silas Bell, who died May 20, A. D. 1879, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, and thus passed away one of Union County's pioneers.

JOHN L. BORGER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 17, 1827. In 1843, his parents, John W. and Elizabeth (Shure) Borger, emigrated to America, settling in Columbus, of which city they remained residents till 1858, when they came to Union County. John L. is the eldest child and was raised and educated in Germany. He learned brick-making in Columbus, and in 1853 went to Crawford County, where he followed it six years. In 1859, he removed to Darby Township, this county, and bought a farm of 196 acres; and a short time afterward added twenty-one and a half acres. He occupied this farm till 1872 when he purchased his present homestead in Mill Creek Township, which contains 325 acres. Mr. Borger began when a poor boy, working for 6 cents a day. He made his start manufacturing brick, and when he left Crawford County in 1859 he had $5,000, which he invested in a farm in Darby Township. By his perseverance and energy, he has made large and valuable property. April 7, 1850, he was married to Maria, daughter of George and Elizabeth Denterlein, by whom he has had the following children, viz.: Mary, Maggie, wife of L. Conrad, John K., George A., John L., John M. and Lizzie. Mr. and Mrs. Borger are members of the Lutheran Church, and in polities Mr. B. is a Democrat.

JOHN H. P. BOUIC, farmer, P. O. Ostrander, Delaware County, was born in Montgomery County, Md., December 11, 1826, and is a son of Robert H. B. and Rebecca (Lakin) Bouic, natives of Maryland. His grandfathers, Peter Bouic and Daniel Lakin were slave-holders in Maryland, and wealthy men. The former was born in France and came to this country when eighteen years of age; the latter was born in England and came to this country before the Revolutionary war, in which he served seven years. Benjamin Lakin, a son of the above gentleman, served in the war of 1812. The father of our subject died in Maryland August 17, 1828. He was born October 3, 1799. His mother was born April 18, 1798. They were married May 25, 1823, and had three children. Daniel L., who died September 3, 1854; Washington A., died October 27, 1882. Mrs. Bouic removed to Franklin County, Ohio, in 1830, and in 1835 she purchased 231 acres of land in this township for $1,050, on which she settled the same year and lived thereon till her death, which occurred December 23, 1870. Our subject was married November 6, 1851, to Catharine, daughter of Christian and Hannah Myers, who was born in Union County, Ohio, January 10, 1830. They have had nine children, eight of whom are living, viz.: Christain W., Rebecca J., Hannah S., Mary C., Clara A., John D., Florence O., and Jacob F. Emaline M., deceased. He owns 115 acres of the old homestead, and keeps a high grade of stock. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been Elder three years.

THOMAS N. ELSOM, farmer, P. O. Ostrander, Delaware County, second child of William H. and Martha J. (Rittenhouse) Elsom, was born in Albemarle County, Va., August 20, 1849. He was brought by his parents to the county the fall after his birth, and settled in Dover Township. He was raised principally in Mill Creek Township and received his education in its schools. March 25, 1873, he was married to Miss Emma J., daughter of Luther and Mary A. (Scott) Winget. Mrs. Elsom was born in Delaware County June 13, 1852. Five children were born of this marriage, of whom two are living—Stewart Clayton, born January 4, 1879; and Mary Effie, born December 23, 1880. Nora M., born April 6, 1874, died March 1, 1879; William Stanley, born October 5, 1875, died March 2, 1879. A son died in infancy. Mr. Elsom located on his farm in 1873, and is engaged in farming and raising Spanish Merino sheep. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church, and are charter members of the Grange. He owns a farm of 102 acres.

JACOB L. FELKNER, farmer, P. O. Ostrander, Delaware County, was born in Hawkins County, East Tenn., September 1, 1819, and is a son of Jacob and Mary E. (Hutchinson) Felkner. In 1827, they removed to Franklin County, Ohio, and in 1836 removed to Delaware County, Ohio, where both died. Lewis Felkner, father of Jacob, Sr., was born in Germany, and settled in Virginia. In 1827, the father of our subject bought 120 acres of land here, sixty of which he gave to him. He died Christmas Day, 1840. The subject of this sketch was married, November 5, 1840, to Ellen, daughter of Jacob and Mary Carr, who was born in Grant County, W. Va., in 1821. To them have been born six children, five of whom are living, viz.: Calvin, Mary E., Luther, Dudley and Laura. Jacob L., deceased, aged sixteen years. When twenty-two years of age, he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed fifteen years, and in an early day he made many coffins. He has served as Trustee two terms, and was Land Appraiser in 1870. Politically, he is a Democrat.

CALVIN FELKNER, farmer, P. O. Ostrander. Delaware County, eldest son of Jacob L. and Ellen Felkner. was born in Mill Creek Township February 13, 1842. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. April 13, 1862, he was married to Marinda, daughter of James Liggett. Mrs. Felkner was born in Mill Creek Township February 9, 1845. Of their four children, two are living—William Arthur, born September 13, 1866, and Laura Amelia, born May 23, 1871. Sarah Ellen, born May 18, 1863, and died August 5, 1879, and Fay Shields, born February 27, 1868, and died October 6, 1878. In April, 1862, Mr. Felkner located on the farm he now occupies, which contains eighty-seven and three-fourths acres. He is by occupation a farmer, and rears fine horses—roadsters. In politics, he is Democratic.

DAVID FISH, farmer, P. O. Ostrander, Delaware County, was born in Fredrickstown, Md., December 8, 1829. His parents, James and Catharine (Easterday) Fish, were natives of Maryland, and of Irish and German descent. They removed to Columbus, Ohio, in 1833, and the following year to Mill Creek Township. Mr. Fish bought a farm of 118 acres, and at his death, which occurred January 18, 1871, he owned 160 acres of land. Mrs. Fish died August 20, 1872. They were members of the Protestant Methodist Church, and were the parents of ten children. David was reared on a farm, and spent his early life with his father in clearing it up. When of age, he married and rented till 1864, when he purchased fifty-one and one-half acres of land, which he sold in April, 1874, and bought his present farm. October 26, 1854, he was married to Miss Elizabeth S., daughter of Isaac and Sarah Wells. Mrs. Fish was born in Hawkins County, Tenn., September 17, 1827. Of six children born to this marriage there are living James I. C., Sabin R. and John W. Emanuel M., David H. and Sylvan A. are deceased. Mrs. Fish is a member of the New Providence Presbyterian Church. In politics, Mr. Fish is Democratic. He owns a well-improved farm of 160 acres, and is engaged in farming and keeping Poland-China hogs. In 1880, he erected a residence at an expense of $2,000. Mr. Fish started in married life with less than $100, and by dint of energy he has acquired valuable property.

CHRISTIAN M. GRAHAM, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Paris Township September 22, 1839. He is a son of Robert and Judith (Bell) Graham. The former was born in 1808, and in 1812 came with his parents to Clark County, and in 1821 settled in this township. His grandparents came from England, and both died in Hamilton County, Ohio. Robert was married to Judith Bell December 22, 1829. They lived in this township till 1867, when they removed to Marysville, where he died in January, 1882. She departed this life in August, 1869. To them were born six children. He married for his second wife Mary J. Williams, in January, 1870. Our subject is the third son and fifth child, and was reared upon the farm. April 23, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Fourteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three months, but served until August 13, 1861. He re-enlisted November 20, 1861, in Company H, Forty sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was appointed Chief Musician, in which capacity he served till July 1, 1864. He was in the Fifteenth Army Corps, and took part in seventeen of the hard-fought battles of the war, and was honorably discharged at Columbus in 1865. He received a sunstroke at Jackson, Miss., from which he has never recovered. April 3, 1863, he was married to Lavina, daughter of Philip and Margaret Miller. She was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, November 10, 1844. Six children have been born to them, viz.: Alva D., Marion L., Ella M. and Eva M. (twins), William P. and Emma L. They are members of the Christian Church. He is a member of the Central Ohio Christian Conference. He has been Township Trustee five terms. Also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He owns sixty-five acres of land, and is engaged in farming and stock-raising.

GEORGE HANAWALT, Jr., farmer, P. O. Ostrander, Delaware County, son of Samuel and Catharine (Acton) Hanawalt, was born in Mill Creek Township February 24, 1855. He was reared on a farm and received his training in the common schools. February 24, 1874, he was joined in marriage to Miss Esther A., daughter of Josiah and Mercy Baughman. Mrs. H. was born in Union County April 30, 1855. This marriage was blest with four children—Samuel J., born December 10, 1874; Berry E., born April 14, 1876; Pearl O., born March 30, 1880, and Myrtle R., born October 17, 1882. Mr. Hanawalt owns 107 acres of well improved land, and is engaged in farming and rearing Spanish Merino sheep. He is identified with the orders of I. O. O. F. and I. O. R. M., and in politics is a Republican.

WILLIAM C. HENDERSON, farmer, P. O. Watkins, a prominent agriculturist and fine stock-raiser of Mill Creek Township, was born in Indiana County, Penn., October 28, 1825; his parents, John and Anna (Jack) Henderson, came to Union County and settled on the farm occupied by the subject of this sketch. William is the youngest son and next to the youngest child of twelve children—seven sons and five daughters. He spent his youth and early manhood on the homestead, and received his education in the common schools of Mill Creek Township. When of age he took up the cooper's trade at New California, and followed it seven years, most of the time on the home farm; he made his start in this way, and in 1850 bought thirty-four acres of the homestead. He finally bought out all the heirs and owned the whole farm, which contained 140 acres. To this he kept making additional purchases of land till he now owns 431 acres, which constitutes one of the best farms in Union County. In 1873, he had built a large, commodious brick residence, the finest in the township. Mr. Henderson embarked in life a poor boy, working at the pittance wages of 25 cents and 31 cents a day; he has been an upright, honorable, hard-working man, and by his untiring energy and industry has achieved success. In public enterprises and improvements, he has always lent his aid and support. To the pikes he has given at least $3,500. December, 1870, Mr. Henderson was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Moses and Margaret Sewell, by whom he has two bright little children—Myrtie A. and an infant.

SIMON D. KILGORE, farmer, P. O. Jerome, a large farmer and stock-raiser of Mill Creek Township, was born in Canaan Township, Madison County, May 10, 1837. He is the youngest of ten children, six of whom are now living. His parents, Thomas and Jane (Patterson) Kilgore, were natives of Westmoreland County, Penn., and Botetourt County, Va., respectively; he was raised on his native place and was educated in the common schools of the district. He resided with his father till 1868, when he purchased 209 acres of his farm in Mill Creek Township. His father came with him in 1865, and lived in the family till his death. Mr. Kilgore was married July 3, 1864, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham and Martha Cary. Mrs. K. was born in Madison County, Ohio, February 19, 1842. Three children were born to this union —Ettie J., born March 13, 1869; Cora E., born June 15, 1875; and Thomas H., born March 6, 1877. Mr. Kilgore owns a well improved and highly cultivated farm of 305 acres, and is a successful agriculturist and stock-raiser of the township. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politices he has always voted with the Republican party.

WILLIAM D. KIRKLAND, farmer, P. O. Ostrander, Delaware County, an old pioneer of Mill Creek, was born in Mecklinburg County, Va., December 20, 1808. His parents, George and Martha (Stanback) Kirkland, were also natives of Mecklinburg County. His father was born March 5, 1777, and his mother December 14, 1791. They were married in 1807, and removed to Charlotte County, Va., in 1812. From that county Mr. Kirkland was drafted in the war with Great Britain, and served eighteen months. His father, Burrel Kirkland, served from beginning to end in the American Revolution, after which he moved to Montgomery County, Ky., where he died, aged one hundred and eight. In 1829, our subject's parents removed to Franklin County, Ohio, where they both died; the former in December, 1863, and the latter September 13, 1875. William, at an early age, learned wagon and carriage making, at which both his father and grandfather were professionals. He followed it till 1838, and more or less till 1858. In four years at his trade, near Dublin, he made and saved $400, with which, in 1840, he bought 70 acres of land in Mill Creek Township, for which he paid $212. He would often work in the harvest-field cradling grain all day, and then work all night at his trade. In February, 1841, he moved on his new farm on Mill Creek, and followed the farm of summers and his trade of winters, till 1858, since which time he has farmed alone. In 1852, he purchased thirty acres, paying for the same $300. He has made subsequent additions, till his farm now contains 300 acres of land, most of which he has cleared and improved himself. Since 1859, he has been engaged in farming and stock-raising, and for the last four years he has kept French and Clydesdale horses. September 10, 1829, he was married to Jane, daughter of John Trusler, who died September 9, 1853, leaving five children; four are living—Lizzie, wife of Adam Robinson; Hannah, wife of Wilson Brown; George and William John is deceased. Mr. Kirkland was married the second time May 2, 1859, to Elizabeth A. Beard, daughter of Michael and Mary Beard, and a native of Zanesville, Ohio, where she was born October 29, 1823. Two sons were born to this union—Michael A. and Marion E. Mr. Kirkland embarked in life a poor boy, but, through perseverance and energy, he has made for himself valuable possessions. Politically, he is Democratic, having cast his first vote for Gen. Jackson.

LUTHER LIGGETT, farmer, P. O. Watkins, was born in this township October 11, 1836, and is a son of Absalom and Millie (Carr) Liggett. He (Absalom) was born in Ross County, Ohio, October 9, 1810, and was a son of James Liggett, who was born in Hardy County, Va., in 1778. He settled in Ross County, Ohio, in 1810, and in 1817 removed to Delaware County, Ohio, and settled at what is now Ostrander, where he died in 1864. The father of our subject was the fourth child of a family of ten children, viz: Job, Joab, Abner, Absalom, William, Millie, Coonrod, Susan, James and Gideon—all deceased but Abner. Absalom was married, in 1833, to Millie Carr, who bore him ten children, of whom eight lived to maturity, Luther being the eldest child. He was married, in 1857, to Maria, daughter of James W. and Laura R. (Kinney) Wilkinson, by whom he has had seven children, six of whom are living, viz.: Newton E., James A., Louisa A. L., Wayne, Clara M. and Henry C. An infant daughter deceased. After his marriage he lived on a rented farm till 1862, at which time he purchased ninety-six acres of land. At present he owns 300 acres of valuable land. He deals extensively in short-horned cattle, some of which he has exhibited at the World's Fair. He is now serving his fourth term as a member of the Agricultural Board, two years of which time he has been Vice President of the society. He has also served as Township Trustee, Township Clerk and Treasurer. In October, 1882, he was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners. Politically, he is a Democrat, and has been delegated to various State and county conventions. Mrs. Liggett was born in Marysville, December 17, 1836. Her parents came to the above place in 1836, where they resided till 1857, and moved to Butler County, Neb., where they both died—the former, March 25, 1882, and the latter March 7, 1875. Mr. Wilkinson served as Probate Judge of Butler County two years, and, while a resident of Marysville, filled the office of Justice of the Peace.

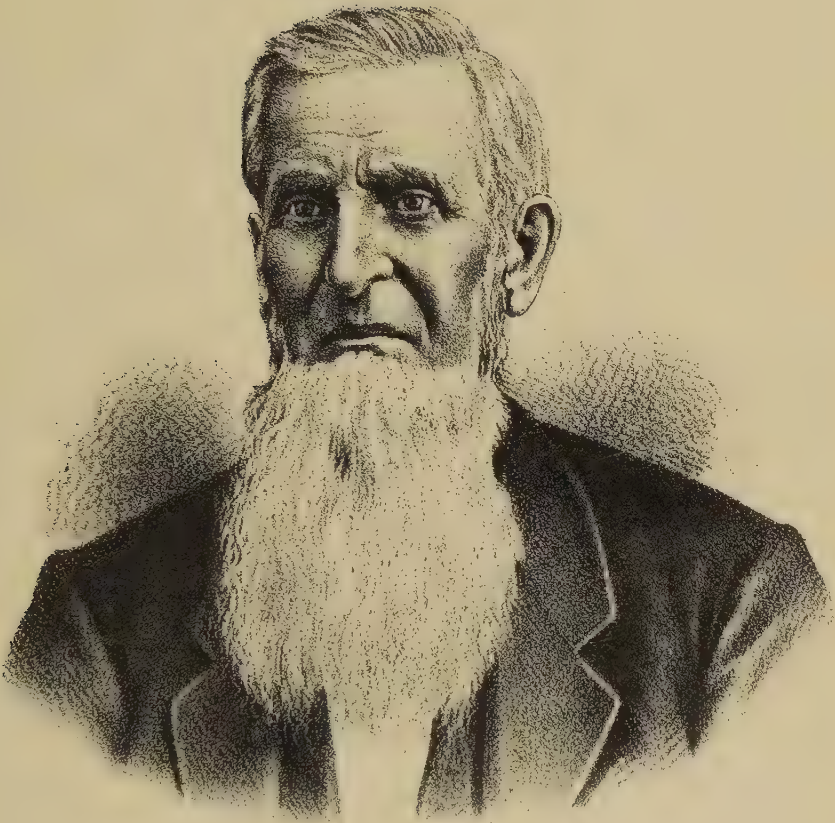
ABNER LIGGETT, farmer, P. O. Ostrander, Delaware County, was born in Mill Creek Township April 17, 1850; he is a son of James and Sarah Ann (Richards) Liggett, of Virginia and New York respectively. His father was born November 14, 1817, and his mother April 20, 1819. They were married in Delaware County October 1, 1840, and had eight children—Arthur, married Clarinda Freshwater; Marinda, wife of Calvin Felkner; Abner (our subject); Joab, married Rose Honeter, and since Estelle Thompson; Gideon; Minerva, wife of Hiram Penny; William and Amelia. Mr. and Mrs. Liggett came to Union County in 1844, where they both died; the former August 29, 1882, and the latter March 28, 1870. Abner was married

April 7, 1870, to Cassie, daughter of George and Margaret (Moore) Swank, and a native of Darby Township, Union County, where she was born June 17, 1851. They have two children—James Ray, born May 10, 1872; and Mona S., born October 5, 1880, and died November 24, 1881. Mr. Liggett owns the old homestead, which contains 164 acres, and is engaged in farming and rearing short-horned cattle. He is serving his second term as Trustee of Mill Creek, and in politics is a Democrat. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

ELDER DANIEL LONG, deceased. The subject of this sketch, for many years pastor of the Christian Churches of the eastern part of Union County, was born in Alleghany County, Md., August 9, 1789. He was a son of Rosemond and Margaret (Devault) Long, who settled in Maryland prior to the war of the Revolution; he was the youngest of nine children. About the time of the war of 1812 he came to Mill Creek Township, Union County, and served during the latter part of that war; he traveled over the southern part of the State on his Gospel mission and organized churches. He founded the first Christian Church in the county, and the first church of that order in Mill Creek Township, over which he presided as pastor till his death, which occurred November 26, 1873, aged eighty-four years, while conducting a series of revival meetings at Mill Creek Chapel. His marriage with Nancy Kelley, which occurred April 22, 1813, was blest with one child—Thomas W., who was born June 3, 1819; he was reared on a farm, and educated in the Worthington Schools. When nineteen years of age he engaged in teaching, which he followed till 1860, and was one of the most efficient teachers in the county. January 30, 1846, he was married to Miss Nancy, daughter of Stephen Latimer. Mrs. Long was born in Franklin County, Ohio, January 28, 1820. Three sons were born to this union—Daniel, born June 26, 1850; married Laura B. Bodley and have three children—Nancy B., Alice and Lou. Stephen, born January 28, 1852; and George W., born December 25, 1853, and married Sarah Freshwater. Mr. Long died October 25, 1865, while serving as Township Treasurer. He left an estate of 275 acres of land, of which Stephen now owns 121 acres, embracing that portion which has the residence erected in 1861. Mrs. Long resides with Stephen. He is engaged in farming and stock-raising. In April, 1876, he was elected Justice of the Peace, and re-elected in 1879; he is a member of the Grange and I. O. O. F., and in politics possesses the Democratic views of his father.

GEORGE W. LONGBRAKE, farmer, P. O. Watkins, was born in Shelby County, Ohio, January 4, 1840; his father, Jacob Longbrake, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, was born January 17, 1808; and his mother, Susan Farnum, a native of Essex County, N. Y., was born September 17, 1811. Her parents, Zebediah and Jane Farnum came to Franklin County, Ohio, in 1818, and in 1822 to Mill Creek Township, where they both died; the former October 19, 1852, and the latter February 7, 1852. Jacob Longbrake came to Union County with his mother in 1830, and settled in Dover Township. He married December 12, 1833, and died January 10, 1865, leaving a widow and four children—Marinda, wife of Robert Thompson; Roxey A., wife of James H. Bethard; George W., the subject of this sketch; and Ida A., wife of J. L. Richey. Emily M. is deceased. George W., our subject, was reared to manhood on a farm and was educated in the common schools. April 15, 1868, he was married to Miss Bell J., daughter of James B. and Jane Richey, and a native of Dover Township, where she was born September 26, 1852. They have two children—Alma E., born August 23, 1870; and Lima, born February 28, 1879. In 1850, Mr. Longbrake's parents settled on the farm he now occupies. He owns 100 acres and is engaged in farming and stock-raising. In 1864, Mr. Longbrake was a member of Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment Ohio National Guards. He served 100 days and was discharged at Columbus, Ohio. In 1882, he was elected to the Board of Township Trustees.

WARRET OWEN, farmer, P. O. Watkins, one of the oldest Justices of the Peace of Union County, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, July 3, 1823. His parents, James and Rebecca (Henry) Owen, were natives of Virginia. His grandparents, on his father's side, it is thought, came from Wales prior to 1776, and his grandfaher served in the Revolutionary war. The parents of our subject moved to Champaign County before the war of 1812, and died when he was a boy of about ten years. He is next to the youngest of eleven children, of whom ten lived to maturity. At the age of fourteen, Warret was apprenticed to the saddlery and harness-makers' trade. He worked two years in Mechanicsburg, then came to Marysville, and remained with Evans & Jennings till November, 1840. In 1845, he came to Watkins, and established himself in his trade, which he followed successfully up to 1873. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1859, and has since filled that office, now serving his twenty-fourth year. He is a man of good executive ability, and has no doubt acted as Justice longer than any other man in Union County. In 1861, he was appointed Postmaster at Watkins, and has served in that capacity ever since that date. December 22, 1844, he was married to Emily Farnum, daughter of Zebediah and Jane Farnum, who were among the early settlers of Mill Creek Township. Mr. and Mrs. Owen were blessed with five children; of them three are living—Rebecca J., wife of Berry Hanawalt; John R., who married Catharine A. Gamble, and Aurelious A., who married Mary R. Davis. James Z. and Susan C. are deceased. Mr. Owen was largely instrumental in organizing the Methodist Episcopal Church at Watkins, and with his family has been prominently connected with it ever since. He is now serving as Class Leader and Circuit Steward.



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JOHN PEIRSAL, farmer, P. O. Watkins, an old pioneer of Mill Creek Township, was born in Chester County, Penn., March 21, 1812. He is a son of Jacob and Mary (Boyer) Peirsal, natives of Chester and Dauphin Counties, Penn., respectively. Mr. Peirsal was born March 18, 1784, and his wife April 15, 1784. They were married in Pennsylvania, and reared most of their family there. Of their children, the following are living: Silas, Richard, John, the subject of this notice, Elizabeth, widow of John Haney, and Mary A., widow of John Poe. Mr. and Mrs. Peirsal died in the same year, and at about the same age. John, our subject, when seventeen years of age, took up blacksmithing in Waynesburg, Penn., and served an apprenticeship of four years. He followed his trade principally till April, 1839, when he came to Mill Creek Township. He first bought 109 acres of land, but continued to purchase till his farm increased to a farm of 700 acres. January 9, 1834, he married Catharine Westley, daughter of Samuel and Christina Westley, and a native of Berks County, Penn., where she was born January 9, 1814. Of fifteen children born to this union, eleven are living, viz.: Christina, wife of Alexander Anderson; Elijah Westley and Silas (twins); Evan; Mary, wife of John Stayman; George; Margaret, wife of Perry Smart; John, Catharine, Enoch and Jacob. Samuel, Eliza and Elizabeth are deceased. Mrs. Peirsal died August 22, 1877. Mr. Peirsal started out when a boy to carve out his fortune, and through his years of energy and industry he became the owner of 700 acres of valuable land, which he divided among his children, till he now owns but 300 acres. Politically, Mr. P. is Democratic. He cast his first vote for old Gen. Jackson.

GEORGE PIERSOL, farmer, P. O. Ostrander, Delaware County, fourth son of John and Catharine Piersol, was born on the old homestead in Mill Creek Township June 24, 1842. He was reared on a farm till of age. April 1, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment Ohio National Guards. He served in the Eastern army, in Maryland, and participated in an engagement at City Point, Md., and witnessed the battle of Petersburg and Butler's charge, at Fort No. Eight. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chase the following September. In 1866, he went to Kansas and followed carpentering two years and returned, locating on his present farm in spring of 1869. April, 1867, he was married to Mrs. Barbara Harriger, widow of J. C. Harriger, and daughter of William and Harriet McCauley. Mrs. P. died October 11, 1869, leaving one child, Mary, who was born October 8, 1868. Mr. Peirsol was again married February 24, 1872, to Miss Abigail C., daughter of Dr. J. T. and Eliza R. Robinson. Mrs. P. was born in Fulton County, Penn., December 1, 1852. Their children are as follows: Eliza, born February 2, 1873; Enoch W., born June 30, 1875; Joseph T., born April 1, 1878, and Orvil, born April 17, 1881. Mr. Peirsol owns a farm of eighty-five acres. He was one term Trustee of Mill Creek Township.

E. P. ROGERS, farmer, P. O. Marysville, a prominent breeder of thoroughbred Spanish Merino sheep, was born in Licking County, Ohio, May 6, 1852. He is a son of John C. and Nancy Rogers, who reside in Marysville. He is the youngest of three children. He passed his early life on a farm, and was educated in the common schools and Delaware Commercial College, from which institution he graduated in February, 1881. He taught school one year, and then came on the farm. He is engaged extensively in buying and selling French and Clydesdale horses. His chief attention is given to breeding thoroughbred Spanish Merino sheep, in which pursuit he has been very successful. As a fine sheep and horse raiser he ranks as one of the leading men of the county. He is a regular exhibitor at the world's fair. January 23, 1880, he was married to Miss Alice C., daughter of A. G. and M. R. Boring. Mrs. Rogers was born in Dover Township February 22, 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are members of the New Dover Methodist Episcopal Church. He is identified with the orders of I. O. O. F., I. O. R. M. and K. of P. Politically, he is a Republican. He owns fifty acres land, and has charge of 300 acres more which he cultivates.

DR. THOMAS P. SHIELDS, of Mill Creek Township, was born in Cumberland County, Va. On his father's side he is of Irish and Scotch descent, the family having emigrated to this country, locating first in the State of Delaware, and subsequently moved to Virginia. His grandfather, John Shields, was an officer, Captain, in the Revolutionary war. His father, David Shields, was raised in Rockbridge County, Va., and served in the war of 1812–14. His grandfather on his mother's side was Joseph Watkins, of Goochland County, Va., who was of Welsh descent and of a Quaker family. His grandmother was Mary Carrington, a sister of Gen. Edward Carrington, of Revolutionary fame. He was with Washington throughout the Revolution, a member of his staff, and an intimate friend of La Fayette. The Carringtons were English, and settled in Virginia at an early day. Dr. Shields, after attending the primary schools in his neighborhood, took a course in Washington College (now Washington and Lee University) in Lexington, Va., and then attended lectures in the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville, and the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia. After graduating, he settled on the farm on which his widowed mother resided and on which he was born, and practiced successfully his profession as physician and surgeon. For some years before the late war, he had been connected with a volunteer military company. This company was ordered out early in the war, and attached to the Eighteenth Virginia Regiment, Confederate States Army, which served mostly in the Army of Northern Virginia. In the winter of 1862, his health becoming impaired, he resigned his position and received the appointment of Surgeon, and served principally in the hospitals until the close of the war. In 1867, he removed to Ohio with his family and settled in Mill Creek Township, on a farm belonging to his sister, Miss Mary C. Shields. Since then he has devoted his attention to farming and stock-raising, taking great interest in short-horn cattle and sheep, and has been a liberal exhibitor at our county fairs. He was one of a few who formed the first farmers' club in the county, and was a member of the first grange in the county. He was afterward made a Deputy by appointment from the National Grange, and organized the granges in this county, and a large number in other counties in the State. He has been an active worker in the grange, and has frequently represented the granges of the county in the State Grange. He has been connected with the county agricultural society for some years, and is at present the Vice President of that society. He has been a warm advocate of public improvements and favored whatever was calculated to advance his neighborhood and county. He served a number of years as Treasurer of Mill Creek Township, and the School Board. In religion, Dr. Shields is an Episcopalian, but there being no church of that denomination within reach, he has been liberal in supporting other churches in the vicinity, and has been an active worker in the Sunday school. He has been married twice; first he married Miss Martha C. Bradley, of Pikeville, Ala., who died in 1859, leaving a son and daughter. The son, Gamble Shields, married Miss Lulie A. Liggett, a daughter of Arthur Liggett, Esq., of Mill Creek, and is now living on a farm in Hamilton County, Ohio. The daughter, Martha Thomasia Shields, is living with her father. He was married a second time in 1863, to Miss Elizabeth J. Ford, of Cumberland County, Va., who was known to a large circle of friends in this county and State as a lady of rare accomplishments. She died March 26, 1882, leaving nine children, viz.: Fannie M., Alfred W., Carrington, Mary H., Bessie P., Richmond L., Ruth E., Jennie V., Buretta F.

ROBERT L. STIMMEL, farmer, P. O. Ostrander, a native of Franklin County, Ohio, was born December 14, 1837. His parents, Abraham and Elizabeth (Lisle) Stimmel, were natives of Franklin County, and came to Mill Creek Township in 1844. His grandparents, Michael and Catharine (Plumb) Stimmel, came to Franklin County, Ohio, before the war of 1812, and died in Hamilton Township. Robert's parents resided in Mill Creek till 1857, when they returned to Franklin County, where they died—Mr. Stimmel June 7, 1866, and Mrs. S. February —, 1873. Mr. Stimmel was born June 11, 1813, and Mrs. S. in 1815. They had ten children, of whom Robert is eldest. They came to the county in 1859 and bought a farm, now containing 166½ acres, besides 107 acres in another part of the county. His marriage with Rebecca E., daughter of Joseph and Mary Hutchinson, occurred February 3, 1859, and was blest with ten children; eight are living—Alvin, Irwin, Hattie, Joseph L., Emma, Robert T., Viola and Freddie. Charlie and Clara are deceased. Mrs. Stimmel was born in Mill Creek February 15, 1840. Mr. Stimmel is serving his second term as Justice of the Peace. He was Township Trustee four years, and Clerk two years. He owns 273 acres of land, and follows farming and stock-raising.

W. T. THOMPSON, merchant, Watkins, was born at Watkins, Ohio, June 6, 1851, and is a son of James and Catharine (Gamble) Thompson, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Ireland. They had a family of twelve children, of whom eleven survive—ten boys and one girl. The wife and mother died in 1854. The father still survives, at the age of seventy-one years, and is a resident of Delaware, Ohio. Our subject was raised and educated at Watkins, and resided with his father until he reached his majority, when he purchased 100 acres of land in Mill Creek Township, on which he lived seven years. After leaving the farm, he entered the mercantile trade at Watkins, where he is still engaged in business. In 1872, he married Mary Alice, daughter of Lewis and Catharine (Miller) Lemay, residents of this township. To this union four children have been born, all now living, viz.: Gueretta, Catharine, John and James.

JOHN W. WELLS, P. O. Ostrander, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, November 7, 1835. Is a son of Isaac and Sarah (Trusler) Wells, natives of Hawkins County, Tennessee, and Rockingham County, Va. His father was born September 15, 1798, and his mother February 15, 1804. They were married March 8, 1825, and in 1829 removed to Dublin, Ohio, where they lived till 1836, at which time they settled in this township, on the farm occupied by our subject. Here he died October 26, 1844. His wife departed this life July 12, 1872. To them were born ten children, three sons and seven daughters. John W. is the second son and sixth child. He was married February 25, 1873, to Rachel, daughter of James L. and Elizabeth McKirgan, who was born in Tennessee, June 11, 1844. To them have been born five children, three of whom are living, viz.: Byron B., Clarence M. and Albert D. Rosa and Ralph died in infancy. He owns eighty-eight acres of valuable land, all well improved. He and wife are exemplary members of the Presbyterian Church.

CHAPTER VI.

DOVER TOWNSHIP.

THIS is one of the more recently-erected townships, occupies a central position on the eastern boundary of the county, and is bounded as follows: On the north by Leesburg Township, on the east by Delaware County, and Mill Creek Township, on the south by Mill Creek Township, and on the West by Paris Township. The territory composing Dover originally belonged to Mill Creek, and remained in that township, it appears, until December, 1838, when, although the date of the act of the Commissioners is not recorded, it is evident it was constituted into a township to be known by the name of Dover, as follows: "Beginning at an ash, elm and sugar tree, at the southwest corner of Survey No. 9,028, in the name of John Hunt, and most westerly corner to Mill Creek Township, thence north to west, along the east line of Surveys Nos. 2,254, 3,350, 3,352, 4,072 and 3,390 to two hickories and sugar trees at the northwest corner of Survey No. 5,505, in the name of Selby Onions, thence north 80° E. 400 poles to an ash, beech, sugar tree and iron wood; thence north 10° W. 200 poles, to two ash trees and a hickory, the northwest corner of Survey No. 5,869, in the name of William B. Bunting; thence, north 80° east, 400 poles to a stake in the line of Union and Delaware Counties; thence with the line of said counties south to a stake in the line of Survey No. 5,501, and the most northerly corner to Mill Creek Township, thence with the line of Mill Creek Township, as recorded above, to the place of beginning."

"March 5, 1839, ordered by the County Commissioners, that the boundary line of Mill Creek and Dover Townships be altered, so as to detach from Mill Creek Township, and attach to Dover Township Survey No. 3,007, in the name of John Graham."

The lands of this township were surveyed as follows: Surveyed, June 3, 1797, for John Graham, Assignee, 1,087 acres, Survey No. 3,007. Nathaniel Massie, D. S. Surveyed December 14, 1798, for Edward Dawse, Assignee, 372 acres, Survey No. 3,355. Nathaniel Massie, D. S. Surveyed October 20, 1801, for John Overton, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 4,065. John Kerr, D. S. Surveyed, January 22, 1807, for John Pride, heir-at-law to William Pride, deceased, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 5,135. James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed, July 27, 1807, for Robert Means, Assignee, 1,358 acres, Survey No. 5,497. James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed July 27, 1807, for Robert Means, Assignee, 1,358 acres, Survey No. 5,498. James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed July 28, 1807, for Robert Means, Assignee, 1,358 acres, Survey No. 5,499. James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed, July 19, 1807, for Robert Means, Assignee, 800 acres, Survey No. 5,501. James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed July 29, 1807, for Robert Means, 800 acres, Survey No. 5,502, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed July 30, 1807, for Robert Means and John Stokely, Assignees, 428 acres, Survey No. 5,504. James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed, November 9, 1809, for Robert Means, Assignee, 255 acres, Survey No. 5,505. James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed November 8, 1809, for the representatives of Selby Onions, 200 acres, Survey No. 5,505. James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed June 3, 1808, for the representatives of William B. Bunting, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 5,869. James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed, February 19, 1817, for John Hunt, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 9,028. David Collins, D. S. Surveyed, 1,000 acres for John White, Survey No. 3,950. Surveyed, 1,000 acres for Robert Dandridge, eleven and four-fifths acres in Dover Township, and the balance in Mill Creek Township, Survey No. 1,307.

STREAMS, SURFACE, SOIL, ETC.

The principal streams of this township are Blues Creek and Mill Creek. The former enters from Leesburg, through the farm of J. McKelvey, in Survey No. 5,497, and courses a little south of east through the north central part of the township into Delaware County, leaving Dover in the farm of J. Rittenhouse, Survey No. 7,358. This creek receives, in about the center of its course through the township, Grass Run, which is the only tributary of any size or name. Mill Creek enters the township at about the center of its western boundary, in the farm of D. F. Dyal, Survey No. 3,355, and takes a southeasterly course to the northeast corner of Isaiah Lame's farm and the corner of Mill Creek Township, from which point it takes nearly an east course, forming the boundary line between Dover and Mill Creek. At the eastern line of the farm of J. Battees, it takes a northeast course through the corner of Mill Creek Township, and just cutting the southeast corner of Dover Township, passes on through the corner of Mill Creek Township into Delaware County. This is the greatest stream of the county for water power and mill privileges, and in an early day furnished sites for many mills, most of which are now things of the past, or have been converted into steam-power-mills. Between the two streams above described is Dun's Run, which rises on the farm of S. Butz, in Survey No. 5,497, courses southeast through the central portion of the township and passes into Delaware County, through the farm of P. J. Sherman, on Survey No. 3,007. These are all the streams of importance in Dover Township. The surface is generally level, or slightly undulating, and lies beautifully for the purposes of agriculture, which is the chief pursuit of its inhabitants. Along the two streams, Mill Creek and Blues Creek, the surface is rolling, and in some parts hilly. The balance of the township is, as stated above, generally level. The soil is rich and productive. Along the creek bottoms it is principally a deep, black loam. The balance of the township is generally a clay soil, strong and productive, and not liable to be effected by an ordinary drought to an extent sufficient to injure the crops. The land was originally very wet, but by ample ditching and draining with tile is becoming in good condition for cultivation or grazing. The principal productions of the soil are wheat, corn, oats and potatoes. It is also an excellent grass growing country, and much attention is given to grazing and the stock business. Among the larger farms one can see fine herds of cattle grazing upon their beautiful pastures. These lands were originally very heavily timbered, and the first settlers had heavy labors to perform to remove these giants of the forest, clear up the thick undergrowth, and grub out and bring the land into cultivation ; in fact, it took many years before the large stumps and roots became decayed and removed, so as to leave the land clear and easy of cultivation. The first generation labored and toiled and expended their energies and very life to remove the forests and make their homes and farms ; and most of them, when just in condition to begin to live and enjoy some of the comforts of life which their labors had produced, were called away by death, and all the fruits of their many labors left to the enjoyment of others. The timber along the creek bottoms consisted principally of walnut, hickory, elm, sycamore, and some cherry and oak. The walnut grew in great numbers and of fine quality, but in that day they were of comparatively little value, thousands of fine logs being rolled into log heaps, and burned to get them off the land ; these, if now in possession of the owners of the land, would be of great value. Away from the creek bottoms, the timber consists principally of hickory, oak, elm, sugar tree and beech; the sugar-tree formed in many localities the principal timber, and in that day, as at present, was of great utility and profit by reason of the vast quantities of sugar made. It also then, as now, produced the best of wood for fuel. The country is now nearly destitute of walnut timber, the manufacturers of fine furniture having demanded and obtained nearly everything of the walnut species, but the sugar tree groves have been carefully preserved for the luxury and profit they yield in sugars and fine syrups.

EARLY SETTLERS.

The first locality in this township where the sound of the woodman's ax broke upon the solitude of the vast forest, was on the south or west bank of Mill Creek, in the southwest part of the township. A few years earlier, Ephraim Burroughs had settled in the wilderness of Mill Creek Township, near where the village of Watkins now stands, with his family of seven sons and four daughters. Of these children the second son, Jonathan M. Burroughs, was born in New Jersey, September 15, 1794, and married Mercy Bell, a daughter of Daniel Bell, one of the early settlers of Mill Creek Township. In the fall or winter of 1815, Mr. Burroughs located on Mill Creek, in what is now Dover Township, on 400 acres of land which he leased of Thomas C. Geary, of Virginia, 200 acres of which were situated on the south side of Mill Creek, and 200 acres on the north side. Here Mr. Burroughs struck the first blow in opening out the mighty forests of Dover Township, and here he made his first financial start in life, beginning with no capital, not even an outfit for housekeeping. He erected his little log cabin, daubed with mud, and in midwinter moved into it with his young wife and companion. In one corner of the cabin was erected a frame for a bedstead, consisting of two poles extending from holes bored in the logs of his cabin, and supported by a single corner post, with poles laid across for slats, upon which was laid a straw bed, and for cover they had a feather bed containing about five or six pounds of feathers and one blanket; this was all the bedding they possessed. Their table consisted of a large slab into which were put legs. His wife had a broken skillet, the only cooking utensil she possessed. She had one broken plate, one knife with a part of the handle broken off, and one fork with one tine broken off; these composed their entire outfit of dishes, and served for her use at their meals. Mr. Burroughs made a wooden fork for his own use, and for a knife to eat with he used his pocket knife, partaking of his food from a wooden plate of his own manufacture. These constituted their entire outfit of table ware. Spring and the sugar-making season were near at hand. The forests were abundantly supplied with sugar trees, and their first effort must be to manufacture all the sugar possible. But here again was another difficulty; they had no utensils for making sugar. Mr. Burroughs from some source obtained, by renting, three large kettles, and with his own hands made a large quantity of wooden sugar troughs, and tapped about 200 sugar trees. Now, the work and labor commenced; day and night, "week in and week out," they toiled, gathering the sugar water, boiling it down and making sugar, till the season for such work was past. Now, they must market their sugar, and purchase some necessary articles for the house. The nearest store was that of James Ewing, near Plain City, about ten miles distant. He had no horse, there were no roads, but mere bridle-paths run by blazed trees. He took upon his back all the sugar he could carry, and traveled the entire distance to the store on foot. In exchange for his sugar, he purchased one-half dozen plates, one-half dozen knives and forks, one-half dozen cups and saucers, one tin teapot, and one-quarter of a pound of tea, and with these on his back, he trudged his way back to his home. His wife unpacked and washed the dishes, while Mr. Burroughs with his ax split out a large slab, and dressed it up as smooth as possible, and upon pins driven into a log in the cabin he placed his slab, to serve as a shelf, upon which was placed this new supply of table-ware. With hearts full of gratitude, and eyes beaming with delight and satisfaction, on the opposite side of the room of that humble cabin, stood the young pioneer with his trusting and affectionate wife, gazing upon that small, but to them beautiful and bountiful outfit, the result of their first united labors toward obtaining a home and a livelihood. Who can fully realize the rapture that now filled their souls as they there stood and viewed their entire worldly goods, and knew that their own labor had produced them, under the most adverse circumstances! And who would be surprised that Mr. Burroughs says, "I tapped my wife on the shoulder, and said to her, *'we'll make it yet!'*" Mr. Burroughs said he felt *prouder* at that moment, over that success, than in after years he would have done, had he been presented with $10,000 in cash. Mr. Burroughs remained upon this land he had leased about three years, during which time he had cleared forty acres. At the expiration of seven years, he owned two horses, a good wagon, a yoke of oxen, five milch cows, nine head of two-year-old steers, and forty head of hogs. Truly, his assertion to his wife, "we'll make it yet," was verified; he was now on the sure road to wealth and a fortune. He now purchased 187½ acres of land on Blues or Little Mill Creek—land which is now owned by John Robinson—on Survey No. 5,499, and here commenced to open out a home and a farm for himself; and here he resided for thirty years. In the fall of 1853, he sold his place and removed to Illinois, where he resided till 1875. The success that crowned his first efforts in his start in life was continued in an increased ratio, commensurate with the increase of his property and advantages to accumulate; and now at this period of his life, after threescore years of diligent toil and labor, he finds himself in possession of an ample competency; in amount many thousands of dollars. At the last-mentioned date—1875—he removed to La Fayette, Ind., and in July, 1882, he again returned to Union County, Ohio, and now resides with his son in the village of Dover, in the eighty-ninth year of his age. Mr. Burroughs has been four times married, and his last and fourth wife he buried several years since, while a resident of Illinois. His life, while successful financially, has also been characterized by liberality and probity—giving freely of his own means and influence to all worthy objects, improvements and progress of the communities where he has resided.

William Badley, it is said, was the second one to locate in the precinct of Dover Township. He settled on Mill Creek just below Mr. Burroughs, in 1818. He was a native of Maryland, where he married Sarah Hurst, by whom he had the following children: James, Arthur, Tabitha, Mahala, Anna, one daughter who married a Mr. Cook, Mercy, William, Nelson, Sallie and Zachariah, most of whom died early in life with consumption. Mr. Badley was honest, upright and a worthy pioneer. The year 1818, in which Mr. Badley settled, was the date of several new settlers coming to Dover Township; in just what order they came is not so certain, but as they all arrived the same season, there could be but a few months' difference between them. We will therefore assume the following order of settlement: John Hannaman, the third settler, came from near Chillicothe, although probably a native of some Eastern State, and settled on Mill Creek, south of the Marysville & Delaware pike, where he purchased 200 acres, upon which he located in 1818; after several years' residence he removed to the West. His children were as follows: Mary, who died in the West; Susanna, married Stephen Dysert, and died in this county; Nancy, married Isaac Dodd and resided in this township till quite advanced in years, when both removed to the West and died: Rachel, married Joseph Williams, and settled in the West; John, married Jane Maze, and died in this county; Robert, married a Miss Plummer, and settled in the West; Rebecca, Priscilla, Peter and Duncan, all moved to the West with their parents.

Stephen Dysert, mentioned above as marrying Susanna Hannaman, came from Ross County, and settled on the most northerly fifty acres of Mr. Hannaman's land, described above, it is believed at the same date (1818), and resided here till his death. He and his wife are buried upon the farm where they spent their life. Their children were John, who now resides in Mercer County, Ohio; Mary, deceased; Julia Ann, now residing in Mechanicsburg; Rachel, resides in Illinois; Susanna, deceased; Nancy, deceased; Priscilla, removed to Kansas; Joseph, deceased, and Euphemia, who also resides in Mercer County, Ohio.

Isaac Dodd, married Nancy Hannaman in Ross County, came to this county at same date (1818), and settled on the most southerly fifty acres of Mr. Hannaman's tract of land above described, and here resided until advanced in years, when he moved to the West and died. Of his children, Samuel married Mahala Clark, and died in the West; Elizabeth, married William Perry, and settled in the West; and Jamison, married Mary Williams, and moved to Iowa.

Lancelot Maze, who also became a settler here in 1818, located on Mill Creek on land now owned by Mrs. Freshwater, where he died in the fall of 1823. He was a native of Ireland, from which he emigrated to America when sixteen years of age, and, with his wife Mary, to whom he was married in Pennsylvania, removed to Huron County, Ohio; thence to this county, as above stated. It is said by some of the early settlers that he was one of the first Justices of the Peace of Mill Creek Township. Children—John; one daughter, married and resides in Huron County, Ohio; Robert, Sarah, Jane, Joseph, Jesse and Millie, all of whom moved away soon after their father's death.

William Richey, Sr., was born in Cumberland County, Penn. His father was Adam Richey, a native of the North of Ireland, who emigrated to America in 1757. He married Nancy Boulton, of Ireland. They died in Pennsylvania. William was twice married. His second wife was Mary Kane, a daughter of James and Martha (Turner) Kane, he a native of Ireland, and she of England. They were married in Ireland, and emigrated to America in 1773, and settled and died in Westmoreland County, Penn. Mr. Richey came to Ohio and settled on the Darby Plains, in Madison County, in 1813. In February, 1819, he removed with his family to this county, and settled on Mill Creek, on land now owned by his son Joseph K., on Survey No. 9,028, and here resided till his death, August 17, 1847. Of his children, William was eighteen years of age when the family came to this county. He married and settled here, and became one of the leading, prominent and reliable citizens of the county. Politically, he was originally a Whig, and in the session of 1845–46, represented the county in the Legislature. He also served as a Justice of the Peace, it is said, twenty-one years. Mr. Richey resided here more than fifty years, and during that time cleared up and improved a fine farm. About 1873, he removed to Franklin County, Kan., where he died March 16, 1882, aged eighty-eight years. His first wife, whom he married in Ohio, died after they settled in Kansas, and he again married, his second wife surviving him. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church for half a century. James, another son of William Richey, Sr., also served as a Justice of the Peace several years, and filled other prominent offices of his township and of the county. In 1834, he removed to Delaware County. Three children of the family still survive—James, Joseph K. and Catharine.

John Dinwiddie, a native of Virginia, married Sarah Crane, of Greenbrier County, Va.,—now West Virginia—and removed first to Ross County, Ohio; thence, in 1823, came to Union County and settled on Mill Creek, where he purchased land which is now owned by A. G. Boring, and resided until his death; his remains were interred upon his own farm. His wife survived him and died in Iowa. Their children were as follows: Robert, Elizabeth, Silence, John, Margaret, Mary, William, Andrew, Rebecca, and Priscilla, all of whom moved away and settled in various States of the Union.

Daniel Williams was a son of John Williams, and was born in the State of Maryland. With his father's family he emigrated to Ohio, in 1808, and settled near Chillicothe, Ross County, where his father died. Daniel there grew to manhood and married Christiana Badley, and in January, 1824, he removed to Union County, and settled on the north bank of Mill Creek, in Paris Township, and in February, 1828, settled on land now owned by Michael Cody, residing there four years. He sold the place to his brother John, and removed to Marysville, where, on March 25, 1860, his wife died, and in the fall of the same year he returned to Dover Township and resided with his son Matthew until his death, March 28, 1866, aged seventy-six years. His children were as follows: Matthew M., who married Sarah Winfield and now resides in Dover; Hester Ann R., married J. W. Landsdown, and died in Marysville; and Elias M., who died unmarried.

John Williams, a brother of Daniel Williams, married Anna McGuire, of Ross County, Ohio, and settled on the above mentioned place, which he purchased of his brother Daniel in 1832–33. There he resided till 1857, when he removed to Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he died; his wife survived him and was still living when last heard from. They had the following children: John M., who married Elizabeth Lawraway and died in Iowa; Mary J., married I. J. Dodd and also died in Iowa; Ellen, married Phineas Phillips and resides in Iowa; Elizabeth, married Samuel Ross and died in Iowa, and Thomas J., who died in Iowa unmarried.

Jonathan Bowen was a native of Virginia. He emigrated with his family to Ross County, Ohio, and about 1825 removed to Union County and here settled on the tract of land now owned by Mrs. Jane Bowen; he was twice married, and on the farm just mentioned he and his last wife both died; his wife, Elsie, died July 6, 1840, aged sixty-six years; he died February 18, 1852, aged ninety-one years. Their children were as follows: Priscilla, married Henry Lease and settled in the West; Jesse, married a Miss Spurgeon and resides in the north part of this county; Jonathan, married Mahala Clark, is deceased, she still survives; Edward, married Julia A. Dysert, is deceased; Abraham, married Miss Sarah Bradley and removed to Kansas; and William, who married Jane Blue, is deceased.

James B. Clark, a native of Virginia, married Elizabeth Carney, and removed to Ross County, Ohio; thence about 1825 settled on Dun's Run, Dover Township, this county, on land now owned by Samuel Gamble, where he died February 19, 1829, aged forty-five years. Their children were Mahala, Diana, Theresa, Austin, Eleanor and Maria. Mr. Clark was one of the early teachers of this vicinity, a well-educated man and a good citizen, but was soon removed by death, having been a resident here only four or five years.

David W. Worley, it is believed, was a native of Virginia; he married Nancy Bowen and became an early settler of Ross County, Ohio, removing about 1824 to Union County, and locating on Dun's Run, on land now owned by William Howey, where he resided till his death. His wife died March 25, 1855; he survived her until December 31, 1871, when he died, aged seventy-six years. It does not appear that Mr. Worley ever purchased land, but probably

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remained a renter through his life, and was a resident of this township about forty-seven years.

In 1824–25, Coats Thornton settled on Survey No. 5,135, and about the same time George H. Houser settled on Survey No. 9,028. In 1825, William Wilmuth settled on Survey No. 3,348, and perhaps a little earlier Richard Columber settled on land now owned by William Howey, where he resided till his death. John Columber, near the same time, settled in the same neighborhood, but never married, and died where he first located, June 7, 1857, aged sixty years.

Amos Spurgeon, a native of Virginia, settled on Blue's Creek, on Survey No. 5,499, on land now owned by Samuel Bowdre, about 1827. He married and settled first in Delaware County, where he resided several years, thence located in this county as above described, and while here his wife, Nancy Wilson, died. About 1865, he removed to Illinois, where he resided with his daughter until his death. His children were: Jesse (deceased), Anna (deceased), James, who was killed in the army in the war of the rebellion; Sarah and Susan, both deceased; George, now resides in Indiana; Nathan, resides in Putnam County, Ohio; and Elias, who died in the army. Mr. Spurgeon was a cooper and shoe-maker by trade. He was also a great hunter and trapper, a good neighbor and worthy citizen, and a Deacon in the New Light Church.

Rev. John Carney was a native of Virginia, but emigrated to Ohio and settled in what is now Dover Township, about 1828, residing here till his death. He was quite a noted and earnest Baptist and one of the early preachers throughout this vicinity. Although not an educated man, and never in charge of any church, yet he was a good and devoted man, and an earnest and efficient worker in this community in the interests of the church.

John Price settled on land now owned by D. W. Rittenhouse, about 1828, but remained here only a short time and moved away. James Thornton became a settler here about the same year.

Abner Liggett moved into this county from Delaware County, about 1829–30, and settled on the south bank of Blue's Creek, on the east of Mr. Myers. He married Catharine Eubanks, and resided here till the spring of 1882, when he removed to Green Bend and there resides with one of his daughters. Of his children, Susan married William Perkins, Absalom resides in Delaware County, Elizabeth married James Perkins, is deceased, and Jane married N. D. DeGood. Mr. Liggett was a very successful farmer and stock-dealer, and accumulated considerable wealth.

Lewis Filler, a native of Virginia, settled northeast of Dover, on land now owned by J. Norris, about 1834; is still living and resides about two miles east of Dover and is one of the surviving pioneers.

Rev. Ebenezer Mathers, one of the early pioneers of Union Township, became a resident of this township about 1834, settled on land now owned by B. Hanawalt, and died where Jefferson L. Richey now resides. He was a preacher and an earnest worker in the Methodist Church for many years. The first class of the Mount Herman Church was organized at his house about 1838. He became one of its first members, and remained a faithful member and worker as well as an earnest and eloquent preacher until his death, December 20, 1852, aged sixty-three years.

Joseph Russell and Elijah Brown settled here about 1831–32; Levi and Daniel Longbrake in 1832–33. About 1833 came Mathew Columber and Alexander Ross, the latter settled on Survey No. 5,499, the former died October 29, 1853, aged sixty-seven years. Between 1833 and 1835 were settled here James Mathers, Alexander R. Bowen, Ebenezer Bethard, Samuel H. Dodd, Joseph North and James Buxton, the latter residing on the west bank of Mill Creek, and upon his land is the cemetery known as the Buxton Cemetery.

Michael Myers came here from Licking County, Ohio, about 1834, and settled on Blues or Little Mill Creek, on Survey No. 5,498, where he purchased a track of land and resided until his death. He was buried on his own farm, near his orchard. He was twice married; his last wife was Catharine Johnson. His children were: Adam, deceased; Michael; Lewis, deceased; Mary and William. Mr. Myers was generally known as "Judge Myers," whether from holding office or not we are not informed; but he was a man of marked ability and sound judgment, and a very worthy citizen.

Adam Myers, a brother of Michael, settled here at the same date. He married Miss Nancy Bazzel and resided here through life. He had one child, Lewis, married Rebecca Estep, and died aged twenty-five years; had one child Jane, who married Oscar Gregg.

John Meyers, also brother of Michael and Adam Myers, married and settled here about the same date. His children were: Mary, who married Jesse Colver; William, who served in the army in the war of the rebellion, was taken prisoner and died in a rebel prison; Joseph, also served in the army; he married and is now residing in Hardin County, Ohio; Anna married R. Slack; James resides on the home farm; Samuel, Jehu and Adam. Mr. John Myers died the same day, and within a few hours of his brother Adam, and both were interred at the same time in Mount Herman Cemetery.

Samuel Bowdre, born in Madison County, Ohio, is a son of one of the early pioneers of that county; he settled here about 1835, and married Nancy J. Green; has made a continued residence here for forty-seven years, and has a fine farm and home made by his own industry and labors. He had the following children: Benjamin F.; George W., now married and settled in Illinois; Mary Jane, who marriad Ira Brown, and resides in Paulding County, Ohio; Martha Ann, died in childhood; Lucinda; Emily; Almira, who married George Sullivan and resides in Urbana, Ohio; S. Preston; William; Alice; Sarah Bell, who married Chauncy Pyres and resides in Delaware County, Ohio. Romanto Allen, Jesse Carpenter, James Reed, Eli Sheldon, all settled here about 1834–36.

Samuel Beck, a native of Virginia, settled on the north bank of Blues Creek, about 1836, and resided here till his death January 9, 1859, aged eighty-one years; his wife Lydia died November 11, 1857, aged eighty-six years. Their children were James, Isaiah, Aaron, Vivian and Mary.

Roden Huffman, a native of Virginia, married Mary Beck and settled here at the same time with his father-in-law, Samuel Beck, and died here January 8, 1852, aged fifty-eight years. The following persons all settled here from 1835 to 1839, the time of the erection of Dover Township, viz.: James Ryan, Abel Tanner, Hanley Turner, John Cratty, Schuyler Perkins, S. Butz and William Green; the latter was a native of Virginia, and first settled in Wayne County, Ohio, thence came to this county, settling in the northern part of Dover Township. He married Martha Bilderback and resided here till his death. Their children were Riley, Ruhma, Deborah, Sarah, all deceased; Charles, Drusilla, William, the latter died in Illinois; and Martha, who resides in Licking County. The above embraces most of the early settlers of Dover Township. There are possible omissions, but they are few, and we feel assured that there cannot be many others who should appear in the foregoing list, as we have given more than fifty heads of families who with their children already arrived at maturity when they settled here will swell the list to probably nearly two hundred persons.

MILLS.

It appears that there have been but few permanent mills in Dover Township. There have doubtless been a number of portable saw mills located at various points for limited periods of time; but it is evident that much of the lumber used within the township has been sawed by mills elsewhere; also, a great portion of the grain for home consumption has been ground at grist mills in other territories. About 1850, Adam Richey and Beal Selman erected a steam saw mill about three-fourths of a mile west of Dover Village, on the Marysville pike, at the crossing of Mill Creek. They were subsequently succeeded by J. H. Felkner, and after a few years he sold the property to J. D. Burkabill, in whose ownership it still remains. It is a No. 1 mill and has done an extensive business.

About 1871, L. B. Dennis erected a saw-mill and spoke factory in the village of Dover. He carried on an extensive and prosperous business, employing twelve to fifteen men, until about 1874–75 he sold the property to D. F. Dyal, who continued the business about two or three years, but in 1877–78 removed the machinery to the State of Arkansas. These have constituted the principal mills in Dover Township.

SCHOOLS.

The first school in this township was doubtless on Mill Creek, in the neighborhood of the families of Badley, Burroughs, Dysert, Hannaman, etc. And from neighborhood to neighborhood, as the different settlements were established, the primitive log schoolhouse sprang into existence, and these were supplanted by others with a little more room and comfort, until now the township embraces seven subdistricts, with a like number of good frame schoolhouses, with the modern improvements and comforts, giving the children the full advantages of the schools of the present age, so in contrast to the rough and imperfect institutions of pioneer days. The following is the enumeration of the seven subdistricts from the last report to the Auditor of the county.

Subdistrict No. 1, males, 16; females, 17; total, 33. Subdistrict No. 2, males, 28; females, 23; total, 51. Subdistrict No. 3, males, 53; females, 42; total, 95. Subdistrict No. 4, males, 19, females, 14; total, 33. Subdistrict No. 5, males, 41; females, 26; total, 67. Subdistrict No. 6, males, 21; females, 20; total, 41. Subdistrict No. 7, males, 7; females, 10; total, 17. Total males, 185; females, 152; grand total, 337.

Report of the finances by Board of Education:

Balance on hand September 1, 1881	$751 99
State tax	496 50
Irreducible school funds	33 50
Township tax for schools and schoolhouse purposes	2,579 75
Amount received from sale of bonds	330 00
Fines, licenses, tuition of non-resident pupils, etc	104 91
Total	$4,295 66

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid teachers in common schools	$1,736 47
Amount paid on interest or redemption of bonds,	1,947 20
Amount paid for fuel and other contingent expenses	487 12
Total	$4,170 79
Balance on hand September 1, 1882	$126 86
Number of schoolhouses in the township,	7
Number of school-rooms	8
Number of teachers necessary to supply schools	8
Average wages paid males	$40
Average wages paid females	$28
Average number of weeks schools were in session	28
Total value of school property	$4,500

CHURCHES.

As this township was not as early settled as some of the other townships of the county, so also we must expect that they would be proportionately later in establishing churches, and as the first settlement in this township was in the southwest part near the early settlement at Watkins where there was a church early organized, which we presume served the spiritual wants of this first settlement of Dover Township, hence we do not find any ecclesiastical organization until the central part of the township was settled, when it became necessary for their moral and spiritual growth to organize into a religious body to be designated as a church.

Mount Herman Methodist Episcopal Church.—About 1838, Rev. Owens organized a class at the house of Rev. Ebenezer Mathers, consisting of the following thirteen members: Rev. Ebenezer Mathers, Elizabeth Mathers, Anna Allen, D. D. Mathers, Rev. James Ryan, Elizabeth Ryan, John Ryan, Nancy Ryan, Jesse Carpenter, Alcy Carpenter, Lewis Filler, Mary D. Filler and Anna Williams, with Lewis Filler as class leader. They held their services for a short time in private houses, until a schoolhouse was erected, after which their meetings were in that building until the fall or 1840, when they erected a frame building for church purposes, on land now owned by J. Edwards, on the east side of the road opposite the Mount Herman Cemetery, where the building still stands, now used as a barn. This house served the people until the fall of 1867, when, from the scattered condition of its members, some of whom were living quite a distance north upon Grass Run, and many others were living in and near the village of Dover, and the church being old and dilapitated, it was decided to divide this society and organize two others, one on Grass Run and one at Dover, which would be more convenient for most of the present members, and would give them a more extended and better field for usefulness, which was accordingly done, and the old house was sold and the proceeds given to the use of the two proposed societies. This society at Mount Herman Church was very active and prosperous; it increased in strength quite rapidly and numbered over one hundred members, constituted three classes and remained a prosperous and energetic society, full of spiritual zeal, until the time of its division. The ministers who served this church since its organization were Rev. Owens, Rev. Brown, Rev. James Gilrouth, Rev. John C. Havens, Rev. Parsons, Rev. Carter, Rev. Ebenezer Chase, Rev. Parker, Rev. Kimball, Revs. John W. Young, Thomas Herd, Webster, S. D. Fant, Long, Low, Slocum, Longman, Stephen M. Merrill, N. B. C. Love, H. H. Pharies, West, Loyd, Wharton, Martindale, Taft, Adams, Horatio Bradley, Isaiah Henderson and Daniel G. Strong. The class leaders were, Lewis Filler, J. H. Griffith, Henry Vangordon, Jesse Ryan, J. H. Ryan, Thomas Henderson and James Y. Sevirn. A Sabbath school was organized immediately after the schoolhouse was built, with D. D. Mathers as Superintendent, and Romanto Allen as Assistant Superintendent, who subsequently succeeded Mr. Mathers as Superintendent. The school was continued through the entire existence of the church to the time of its division, and was a large and flourishing school and faithful adjunct to the church.

Dover Methodist Episcopal Church.—In the summer of 1867, the present frame church edifice at Dover was erected, at a cost of about $1,200, and in accordance with the decision made prior to disorganization of the Mount Herman Church mentioned above, a class was organized here by Rev. Isaiah Henderson, consisting of the following persons: Samuel Hawn, Julia Hawn, Mary Hawn, Lewis Filler, Blanche Filler, Davidson Filler, H. G. Rittenhouse, Margaret Rittenhouse, Priscilla Beck, Thomas M. Beck, Emily Sullivan, George Bowdre, Mary Loveless, Jonathan Bowen, William Howey, Eliza Howey, Sarah J. Howey, Milo L. Howey, Martin Pyres, Rebecca Pyres, Olive Guy, Martha A. Fish, Clara Fish, George Mitchell, Ann Mitchell, Samuel Gamble, Mary Gamble, Robert Gamble, Leah A. Columber, M. L. Gamble, John K. Brown, Angeline Brown, Sarah Brown, Delia Brown, Mary Brown, William Shuler, Sarah Shuler, W. A. Shuler, Alice Shuler, J. Y. Sevirn, L. R. Sevirn, Mary C. Sevirn, J. H. Griffith, Flavilla Griffith, Sarah Griffith, Elizabeth Griffith, H. Devall, Ann Devall, Julia A. Bowen, Hiram Bowen, Euphemia Bowen and Emma Bowen, with Samuel Hawn and J. Y. Sevirn as class leaders. The church was dedicated February 9, 1868, by a sermon by Rev. Wesley G. Waters, and a series of meetings were held following the dedication, continuing about three weeks, resulting in great interest and many additions to the church, constituting two large classes, as above mentioned. The church has continued to be blessed and greatly prospered, and notwithstanding many losses by death and by moving away, yet, at the present time, it has a membership of about one hundred. The ministers who have served this church since its organization have been as follows: Revs. Isaiah Henderson, D. G. Strong, C. Weaner, J. Whisler, J. Parlette, J. Kalb, C. Wolf, H. Boyer, J. Ormerod, William Dunlap, W. W. Davies, J. W. Donnan, William Lucas, C. Crawford, J. M. Kelly and T. J. Jagger, the present minister in charge. Class leaders, Samuel Hawn, J. Y. Sevirn, Lewis Filler, J. H. Griffith, S. E. McIntire, B. Hanawalt and J. L. Richey. The present leaders are J. H. Griffith, J. Y. Sevirn, J. L. Richey and W. M. Brown. Trustees, J. B. Norris, S. E. McIntire, B. Hanawalt, L. B. White and J. H. Griffith. Present Stewards, J. B. Norris, L. B. White and B. Hanawalt, the latter being Recording Steward. A union Sabbath school was organized in Dover prior to the war of the rebellion, and was kept in flourishing condition, while so many men were away in the army, by the energy and earnestness of the ladies of the place and vicinity, and continued prosperous till about 1878, when it ceased as a union school, and a Methodist Sabbath school was organized, which has been continued under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the present time, and is a large and interesting school, enrolling last year 221 scholars, with an average attendance of about eighty-five, with J. L. Richey as the Superintendent.

Corinth Presbyterian Church was organized at the New Light Church, June 7, 1842, consisting of the following constituent members: John Hestwood, Samuel Hestwood, Alice Hestwood, Elizabeth Westlake, Rosanna Hestwood, James Kincade, Maria Kincade, Alexander McAllister, Martha McAllister, Jane Cluggage, Matilda Cluggage, Edith Welch and William Leeper, who presented certificates from the church at Marysville, Hannah Scott from the church at Muskingum, Ohio, and Mary Vance from Laws Creek Church, Pennsylvania. It was resolved, that this church be known by the name of Corinth Church. An election for Elders was held which resulted in James Kincade and John Hestwood being selected for that office, who were duly installed by the session of the church. They held services at the New Light Church till the erection of a frame church edifice, which they built in the years 1847–48, the building being 36x28 feet, and erected on land owned by Ryan Gray and D. D. Welch, near the west line of Dover Township, close to the line of Leesburg Township. The building was completed so as to be occupied for services in the spring of 1848, but not fully finished and seated until 1850–51. The church was duly dedicated at the time of commencing to hold services in it. This organization as a church continued about twenty years, when, from deaths and great numbers moving away to the West, and other obstacles that sprang up, the church became feeble and weak and few in numbers, and the organization was abandoned, the few remaining members uniting their interests with other churches. During the existence of this church, its pulpit was supplied with the following ministers: Rev. James Smith, Rev. James W. Sterritt, Rev. Horn and Rev. Mr. Hess.

Spring Dale Regular Baptist Church was organized by a council November 6, 1868, composed of representatives from the following churches, viz.: Mill Creek, Milford, Myrtletree and Arbonner. Rev. T. Price was chosen Moderator, and C. C. Winters, Secretary. The articles of faith and church covenant were read and unanimously approved. The council then proceeded with the services of recognition as follows: Reading of Scripture, by Rev. T. Price; prayer, by Rev. B. J. George; sermon, by Rev. T. J. Price; prayer, by Rev. George; hand of fellowship, by Rev. T. J. Price, and the charge, by Rev. Price. The constituent members were as follows: William Perkins, Susan Perkins, James Rittenhouse, Margaret Rittenhouse, Henry Hildebrand, William Said, E. J. Said, Samuel Said, Susan Said, Mary Fogle, Rachel Fogle, Ellen Fogle, Thomas Rittenhouse, Mary A. Rittenhouse, Margerie Rittenhouse, Maria Rittenhouse, Malinda Rittenhouse, Isabel Rittenhouse, Lemuel James, Sarah A. James, Martha A. Fogle, William J. Low, Mary M. Low, Edith Ryan, Sarah Phillips, Mary Philips, Ellen Fogle, William Slabaugh, Mary J. Slabaugh, O. W. White, Isabel White, Samuel White, Martin White, Anna White, Nancy Rittenhouse, Samuel H. Rittenhouse, William A. Winston, M. F. Winston, Jane M. Rittenhouse, Benjamin Stephens, Margaret Stephens, M. J. Manuel, Duston DeGood, Jane DeGood, S. P. Brown, Sarah Brown, Perry Brown, Morgan Perkins, William N. Abraham, Hannah McBride, A. G. Robinson, Robert Crouch, Jane Crouch, John M. Perkins, Rachel J. Perkins, D. T. Perkins, Lydia Perkins, Schuyler Perkins, Rebecca H. Perkins, Adonirom J. Perkins, James H. Perkins, Elizabeth Perkins, Catharine Liggett, Isabel McMellon and William Hamilton, with James H. Perkins as the first permanent Clerk; Samuel Said, Treasurer; Schuyler Perkins, Owen W. White and William Said, Trustees, and Thomas Rittenhouse and William H. Perkins as Deacons. The ministers of the church have been Revs. B. J. George, D. Bryant, William S. Kent, D. Vance. M. Squibb, Z. Ross, N. B. H. Gardner, James Harvey, and N. Y. Matthews. the present pastor in charge. The present membership is about eighty. The present church building was erected in the summer of 1866.

Dover Regular Baptist Church was organized on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath of April, 1871, by Rev. Daniel Bryant, consisting of the following constituent members: Morgan Savage, Peter Whetsel and wife, William Roberts, J. C. McCrary, Sophronia Richey, Cyrus Philips, A. G. Boring, C. C. Boring and wife, Margaret Savage, Ann Roberts, Samantha McCrary, Mary Robinson, Susan Phillips and Margaret Boring. Articles of faith and covenant were prepared, and on July 22, 1871, were duly recognized by a council of churches, convened for the purpose, as a Regular Baptist Church, and on July 23, Rev. D. Byrant preached the council sermon, Rev. J. Wright gave the charge to the church, and Rev. D. Byrant extended the right hand of fellowship. August 26, 1871, at a meeting of the Upper Miami Association of Regular Baptists, convened with the Union Church in Logan County, on petition of said Dover Church, it was unanimously received into said association. Prior to the above organization, there had been a branch of the Mill Creek Baptist Church at Ostrander, Delaware County, established here at Dover with a good frame church edifice, so that on the organization of this society, they came in possession of the church building. The ministers of this church have been Revs. B. J. George, Daniel Byrant, E. B. Smith, Daniel Vance, M. Squibb, Z. Ross, J. E. Wenman and N. Y. Matthews. At the present time they have no minister in charge. The present membership is about twenty-five, with William Roberts as Deacon.

CEMETERIES.

A large number of the early settlers of this township selected places of interment upon their own farms, several of whom were mentioned in the sketches of the pioneers; for at that time the country was new and wet, and even where there was a cemetery opened out it had no beauty or special attraction; hence their own homes to some had superior inducements as last resting-places for their bodies. In the first settlement which was made here, on the west bank of Mill Creek, was early established what is now known as the Buxton Cemetery. This place is on the high rolling ground on the west bank of Mill Creek, and was first dedicated to the reception of the dead by receiving the body of Arthur Badley, who died December 14, 1819. He was a young man twenty-eight years of age. Other early settlers interred here were William Badley, John Hannaman, Hezekiah Burdick, John Burdick, James B. Clark, Jonathan Bowen, Adam Richey, with some of their wives. Some early interred here have no monuments or tombstones to tell to the present or future generations whose remains are quietly resting beneath the sod, and even those who had treasured in their memories the names of those buried in these sacred places, have nearly all passed into the sepulcher of the dead, and with them are forever lost the names and memories of those within the unmarked graves.

Mount Herman Cemetery, situated about one mile north of the village of Dover, was also quite early set apart as a place of interment; it is pleasantly located, a suitable piece of ground for the purpose intended, and many bodies are already deposited there. This, together with the Buxton Cemetery, are now under the care and supervision of the Township Trustees. The first body interred here was a child of Perry Eubanks; and here rests the remains of Mathew and John Columber, Lewis Bonnett, Eli Sheldon, Samuel Beck, Roden Huffman, David W. Worley, Thomas J. Dyal, Holly Tanner, Rev. Ebenezer Mathers and others of the well-known early settlers. These are the principal and only permanently established cemeteries of this township.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

There is but one town or village in this township; its history is as follows: "On May 11, 1854, William Richey, Adam Richey, Thomas Aplin and B. F. Benton appropriated land which was surveyed and laid out into lots. streets and alleys for a town, to be known by the name of Dover, situated in the township of Dover and county of Union and State of Ohio; William B. Irwin, Surveyor, Union County." Filed and recorded July 4, 1854. William M. Robinson, Recorder, Union County, Ohio. Berger's Addition: On September 24, 1881, a certain tract of land was surveyed and laid out into lots, streets and alleys, as an addition to the town of Dover, to be known as Berger's Addition, containing five acres and thirty-six poles; J. Van Pearse, Surveyor. And the same was duly certified to by the above parties and acknowledged before John Van Pearse, a Notary Public, and the same was recorded October 6, 1881; G. R. Robinson, Recorder, Union County. The first house erected in the village was by Adam Richey, in the fall of 1854; and very soon after one was built by William Richey. These were frame houses, one of which is now owned and occupied by Mrs. Richey, the widow of the said Adam Richey, and the other by Solomon Wright. The third house of the town was erected by J. Y. Sevirn, who also built a harness and saddler shop and opened that business in the fall of 1854, it being the first industry represented in the place. The next branch of business was a store opened by Calvin Richey, in a building erected for that purpose, the said building being now owned by David Shuler and occupied M. Myers, as a dwelling. The first blacksmith and wagon-maker was Thomas Aplin; but the first regular and exclusive blacksmith was Solomon Butz. The post office was established about 1856–57, with J. Y. Sevirn as Postmaster; he was succeeded by D. Shuler, who is the present incumbent. The first physician was M. W. Peck, who was followed successively by the persons here named: James O. Carter, John T. McCrea and Frederick A. Vigor, the present resident physician. The railroad now known as the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad, was built through this township in 1852–53, and encouraged the laying-out of the town. This village now contains about 150 persons, with an enterprising class of citizens, and is an active, thriving town. Its present business is as follows: Two general stores, one by W. A. Shuler and the other by James Thompson; three blacksmiths, D. V. Shuler, W. C. Griffith and S. Berger; one harness shop, by T. E. Bowen; one carpenter and builder, Lewis B. White; a tile factory, erected about 1874 by Baughman & Shuler, who, about 1878, were succeeded by Baughman & Weaver, who continued the business till the fall of 1882, when Mr. Baughman retired, and the business is now conducted by George E. Weaver. In 1878, Mr. W. A. Shuler erected a second tile factory, and has continued the business to the present time. Both of these establishments are enjoying an extensive custom. In 1870, D. & W. A. Shuler erected a factory for the manufacture of heading, clothes racks, chair rounds, etc., and continued doing an extensive and profitable business till in the fall of 1881 D. Shuler withdrew from the firm; since then the factory has been operated by W. A. Shuler. In the fall of 1881, Williams & McIntire built a saw-mill, and are doing a good business. On the railroad is one grain warehouse, in the ownership and management of James Thompson. George E. Thompson is the agent and telegraph operator at the station. The village, for business and enterprise is, perhaps, unsurpassed by any place of its size in the county.

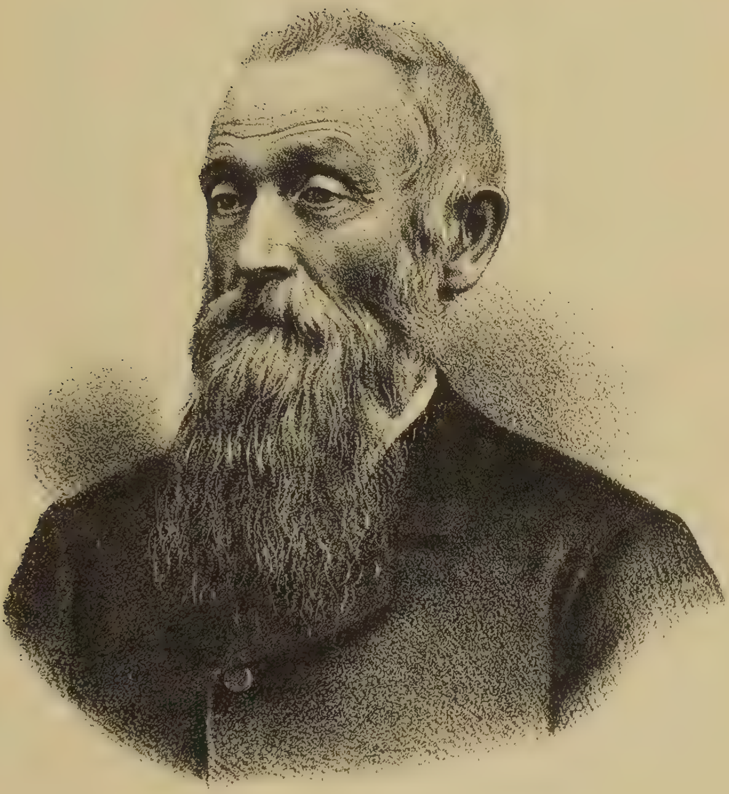
ROADS AND PIKES.

April 6, 1839, at a meeting held for the purpose, the Trustees divided the township in four road districts, and at the same meeting levied a tax of one-half mill on the dollar. From this beginning, as the township became settled, more road districts were established, and during the few years since the system of building gravel roads and pikes was commenced, this township has taken hold of the work with energy and enterprise, and now nearly all of the leading lines of road are made into gravel pikes, while others are in progress. Her roads will compare favorably with those of other portions of the county.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS.

The first election for State and county officers was held October 8, 1839. The officers of election were: Ebenezer Mathers, James Spurgeon and Adam Richey, Judges; Holly Turner and Levi Longbrake, Clerks. The number of votes cast, 62. William C. Lawrence received 25; James H. Godman, 22; Guy C. Worth, 36; and Silas G. Strong, 37, for Representative to the State Legislature, there being two Representatives to elect in the district. Joshua Judy, 21; Andrew Amrine, 36, for County Commissioner. James L. Ward, 25; David Sprague, 36, for Coroner. Stephen McLain, 23; John F. Broakins, 37, for Auditor. Peyton Smith, 14; William Snodgrass, 45, for Recorder. Alexander Polock, 24; Tabor Randall, 38, for Treasurer. Thomas F. Wood, 27; George Westlake, 35, for County Assessors, and Levi Phelps, 26, for Surveyor. The first election for township officers was held at the schoolhouse, near the center of the township, April 1, 1839. Ebenezer Mathers, Eli Sheldon and Adam Richey, were Judges, and Thomas Sheldon and Alexander Bethard, Clerks. The results of this and all subsequent elections to the present time, have been as follows:

Township Clerks.—1839, Holly Turner; 1840, Thomas Sheldon; 1841, Alexander Bethard; 1842, James Teas; 1843–49, John M. Williams; 1850–51,



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William Flanagan; 1852, Hamlet Duvall; 1853–56, James Y. Sevirn; 1858, James Henderson; 1859–62, Hamlet Duvall; 1863, R. M. Henderson; 1864, Hamlet Duvall; 1865, M. W. Peck; 1866–67, George A. Henderson; 1868, Cyrus Phillips; 1869–70, Hamlet Duvall; 1871, C. C. Burkbill; 1872, F. Bowen; 1873, J. H. Richey; 1874–75, James Y. Sevirn; 1876, Marion Shuler; 1877–78, William M. Brown; 1879, M. L. Howey; 1880, George E. Thompson; 1881–82, Stephen Graham.

Trustees.—1839, Adam Richey, Ebenezer Mather and James Spurgeon; 1840, Adam Richey, Presley Said and Lewis Filler; 1841, William Mathers, Joseph Richey and Presley Said; 1842, Presley Said, William Mathers and A. R. Bowen; 1843, William Mathers, Jacob Myers and Thomas Henderson; 1844, Thomas Henderson, Jacob Myers and Stephen Dysert; 1845, William Mathers, Adam Richey and Samuel Said; 1846, Lewis Filler, Adam Richey and Samuel Said; 1847–48, Henry Vangordon, Adam Richey and Samuel Said; 1849, Henry Vangordon, Adam Richey and Samuel Brown; 1850, H. Vangordon, Edward Bowen and Samuel Brown; 1851, S. R. Mathers, Edward Bowen and Samuel Brown; 1852–54, S. R. Mathers, Joseph K. Richey and Presley Said; 1855, Lewis Myers, P. W. Lame and Alexander Bethard; 1856, H. Vangordon, P. W. Lame and Lewis Myers; 1857–58, H. C. Ferris, Thomas Henderson and Robert Gamble; 1859, Solomon Bates, Lewis Myers and Andrew Taylor; 1860, Solomon Bates, Morgan Savage and Andrew Taylor; 1861, Solomon Bates, George Graham and Elias Spurgeon; 1862, S. McAllister, George Graham and Elias Spurgeon; 1863, George Mitchell, James Perkins and C. Philips; 1864, A. Bethard, H. G. Burnham and Joseph Beard; 1865, George Graham, J. H. Perkins and Morgan Savage; 1866, H. Phillips, C. Nichols and George Mitchell; 1867, T. I. Henderson, William Howey and William L. Said; 1868, George Graham, William Roberts and William L. Said; 1869, D. F. Dyal, A. G. Boring and D. T. Perkins; 1870, D. F. Dyal, George Graham and D. T. Perkins; 1871, D. W. Rittenhouse, A. Liggett and I. Lame; 1872, D. F. Dyal, J. Banghman and W. H. Perkins; 1873, B. Hanawalt, J. Banghman and William Yazle; 1874, William Roberts, George Graham and William Perkins; 1875, William Roberts, Isaiah Lame and William Perkins; 1876, William Roberts, Isaiah Lame and Michael Fogle; 1877, William Howey, George Graham and Michael Fogle; 1878, Samuel Gamble, William Howey, Michael Cody; 1879, R. Ballard, Israel Fogle and Michael Cody; 1880, A. G. Boring, Israel Fogle and James Guy; 1881, Adam Philips, J. K. Norris and James Guy; 1882, Adam Phillips, James Rittenhouse and Peter Mackan.

Treasurers.—1839–51, James Ryan; 1852–54, Edward Bowen; 1855–56, William Bethard; 1857–59, Joseph H. Felkner; 1862–63, William Shuler; 1864, William Columber; 1865–66, William Shuler; 1867, A. Richey; 1868, William Shuler; 1869–70, Solomon Butz; 1871–72, N. P. Thompson; 1873, Andrew Taylor; 1874, William Shuler; 1875, S. Wright; 1876, David Shuler; 1877–78, William Roberts; 1879–80, B. Hanawalt; 1881, John B Weller; 1882, V. Shuler.

Overseers of the Poor.—1839, John Myers and William Richey; 1840, William Richey and Alexander Ross; 1841, John K. Brown and Jonathan Burroughs; 1842, Ryan Gray and Jonathan Burroughs; 1843, Abner Liggett and Adam Richey; 1844, Joseph K. Richey; 1845, Joseph K. Richey and John Myers.

Fence Viewers.—1839, Joseph North and James Spurgeon; 1840, Abner Liggett and Joseph North; 1841, Jonathan Bowen, James Spurgeon and Beall Selman; 1842, Henry Vangordon, John M. Williams and Alexander Roff; 1843, Lewis Johnson, William Mathers and William Bowen.

Constables.—1839, Alexander R. Bowen; 1840–41, Jacob Myers and Alexander R. Bowen; 1842, Jacob Myers and Edward Bowen; 1843, George Spurgeon and Robert Gibson; 1844, George Sprague and Abraham Bowen; 1845, Jacob Myers and Abraham Bowen; 1846, John Spurgeon and Isaac J. Dodd; 1847, John H. Griffith and Elias Spurgeon; 1848, Samuel Bowdre and John H. Griffith; 1849, William Green and John H. Griffith; 1850, Jonathan Bowen and John H. Griffith; 1851, William Fulk and Jonathan Bowen; 1852, William Fulk and Jesse Davis; 1853, John Loveless and Jonathan Bowen; 1854, William Bowen and Lewis Myers; 1855, William Columber and John H. Griffith; 1856, John W. Filler and John H. Griffith; 1857–58, Jonathan Bowen and John H. Griffith; 1859, Jonathan Bowen and George Evans; 1860, Jesse Sherman and George Evans; 1861, Jonathan Bowen and George Evans; 1862, John Loveless and George Evans; 1863, Jesse Davis and George Evans; 1864, J. H. Griffith and Jeremiah Johnson; 1865, Thomas Smith and Jeremiah Johnson; 1866–67, Robert Gamble and George Evans; 1868, G. C. Dugan and Adam Phillips; 1869, D. V. Shuler and G. C. Dugan; 1870–75, Jeremiah Johnson and George W. Prichard; 1876, Daniel Shuler and James Guy; 1877, R. Cody and John Gamble; 1878, John Gamble and T. J. Ormerod; 1879, Jerry Johnson and John Gamble; 1880–81, Jerry Johnson and Robert Gamble, Jr.; 1882, Jerry Johnson and Jacob Eddleblute.

Assessors.—1842, Martin Hawk; 1843, Abraham Bowen; 1844, Martin Hawk; 1845, Ebenezer Mathers; 1846, Thomas Henderson; 1847–48, J. B. Richey; 1849, J. H. Ryan; 1850–52, Edward Y. Richey; 1853–54, William M. Flanagan; 1855, J. H. Ryan; 1856, Alexander Bethard; 1857, Samuel Said; 1858–59, Frederick J. Smith; 1860–62, Samuel Said; 1863, Adam Richey; 1864, William S. Balston; 1865, R. M. Henderson; 1866, Samuel Said; 1867, Henry C. Ferris; 1868–72, Robert Gamble; 1873, H. C. Ferris; 1874, Robert Gamble; 1875–76, L. B. Thompson; 1877–78, John Gibson; 1879, Arthur Liggett; 1880, Edward Robinson; 1881, Arthur Liggett; 1882, H. Cody.

Justices of the Peace.—1840, William Richey, Jr., and Vivian Beck; 1842–47, Alexander Bowen; 1842–47, Samuel Said; 1848–68, James B. Richey; 1848, Samuel Bowdre; 1851, Samuel Bowen; 1853, William S. Ralston; 1853, John Hutchinson; 1854, A. R. Bowen; 1857–68, Henry G. Rittenhouse; 1868–77, J. H. Felkner; 1869–74, Cyrus Phillips; 1875–80, Jefferson L. Richey; 1875, Lewis B. Thompson; 1878–83, J. M. Roney; 1881, William Brown.

Value of lands of the township, $379,280; value of real estate in towns and villages, $9,210; value of chattel property, $140,536; total, $529,026.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

W. H. H. BOWDRE, penman, P. O. New Dover, was born June 25, 1858, and is a son of Samuel and Nancy (Green) Bowdre, natives of Ohio, of German descent. They settled in Dover Township, two and a half miles northeast of New Dover, in 1841, where they still reside, now owing 116 acres of land. Mr. Bowdre makes a specialty of Clydesdale horses, on which he has taken the premium at the Union County and State Fairs, and also keeps his farm well stocked with cattle and hogs. He has raised a family of eleven children, all now living with one exception. Our subject was raised on a farm, but not liking the occupation of a farmer, he paid but little or no attention to agricultural pursuits, and spent most of his time trapping, rather than to go to school. At the age of sixteen years, seeing the folly of his former course, he set diligently to work, and was henceforth considered an industrious man. When seventeen years of age he went to work with his uncle in Illinois, where he remained for several years with the exception of a few months spent at his Ohio home, and during his stay in the Prairie State he became a member of a young mens' debating society, and attained considerable prominence as a public speaker. At one time, having attended a temperance meeting where the speaker failed to appear, he was called out, and responding, delivered a creditable speech, which was highly lauded by the local press. Feeling sorely his lack of education, he began attending the common schools in 1879, and afterward took a course in a Normal School. In 1880, he attended the graded school of Marysville, and then for five months attended Prof. Sharp's school of penmanship, but was advised by the Professor to leave the latter, not being a promising pupil. He then undertook to learn a rapid system of penmanship, under Prof. Michael, of Delaware, and succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations, making rapid progress in the art, and taking several prizes for his superiority in flourishing. He has since improved on the various styles he has studied, taking the good from all and combining them, and has begun teaching what he terms his lightning method. He claims to teach more in six lessons than other teachers can in six months, and, indeed, the rapidity with which his scholars learn is truly marvelous. His plan of imparting knowledge of the art is the great secret of his success, and the number and proficiency of his pupils is the proof of his possessing that secret.

LEWIS FILLER, farmer, P. O. New Dover, was born in Loudoun County, Va., July 6, 1814. His father was a native of Loudoun County; his parents came from Germany. He served in the war of 1812, and contracted a disease from which he died. His mother, Elizabeth Cordell, was also a native of Loudoun County, and of German parents. Lewis is the second son and third child. When a boy he was taken by Samuel Cordell, who reared him to maturity, and gave him the privileges of the common schools. He came to Marysville in 1834, and worked one year at carpentering, then went to Union Township, where he married, and the succeeding year (1836) came to Dover Township and purchased fifty acres of land. In 1852, he bought 100 acres of his present homestead, which was all in woods. He now owns a well-improved farm of 155 acres, which he cleared up from the stump. August 11, 1835, he was married to Mary Mather, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Mather, by whom he had eleven children, two of whom are living—Melva F., wife of William Kelsey, and Davison, who married Ella Craty. Mrs. Filler was born in Union Township January 14, 1818, and died July 2, 1853. Mr. F. again married, May 11, 1854, to Mrs. Elmina Irwin, widow of Samuel Irwin. She died June 22, 1858, leaving two children. One, May E., is now living. Mr. Filler married the third time, October 18, 1858, to Blanch, daughter of James and Nancy Beck. Mrs. F. was born in Clark County, W. Va., June 7, 1832. Of seven children by this union, two are living—Mina and Laura B. Mr. and Mrs. Filler are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He assisted is organizing Mount Harmon Methodist Episcopal Church, and is the only surviving charter member. He served as Township Trustee four terms, and in politics is a Republican.

SAMUEL GAMBLE, farmer, P. O. New Dover, a native of Clark County, Ohio, was born October 10, 1819. He is a son of Robert and Catharine (Bennett) Gamble. His father emigrated from Ireland with his parents when eighteen years old, and settled in Pennsylvania, where he married and subsequently removed to Kentucky, thence to Clark County, Ohio, before the war of 1812. Mr. Gamble enlisted and served in the war of 1812, and in 1832 removed with his family to Leesburg Township, this county, where he purchased 100 acres of land. He died in 1839, aged fifty; his wife died in 1833. They had nine children, of whom our subject is the second son. He was reared to manhood on a farm and educated in schools held in log cabins. September 15, 1839, he married Mary, daughter of Samuel and Phebe Lyman. Mrs. Gamble was born in Franklin County, Ohio, December 10, 1820. Of nine children by this marriage five are living—John C., Catharine, wife of William Wingfield, Samuel E., George M. and Elmer E.; Robert, William, Mary A., Harriet and Phebe are deceased. Robert and William enlisted in 1862 in Company E, Eighteenth Regiment of regular troops. They participated in battle of Perryville. where they were taken prisoners. After one year they were released, and joined their regiment and were engaged in the battle of Chickamauga, where William was captured and confined in Libby Prison one month, and while being taken to Andersonville took sick at Danville, and died in December, 1863. Robert was slightly wounded at Lookout Mountain, and discharged August, 1864. He died in Kosciusko County, Ind., in May, 1866. Mr. Gamble moved to his farm in Dover Township in 1856. He owned at one time 400 acres, but has divided with his children till his farm now contains but 240 acres. He has made all his property by industry and economy, and has been a successful man.

BERRY HANAWALT, farmer, P. O. New Dover, was born in Ross County, Ohio, December 11, 1843. He is a son of Samuel and Catharine (Acton) Hanawalt, the former a native of Mifflin County, Penn., and the latter of Ross County, Ohio. His father was born September 4, 1810, and his mother August 13, 1823. Mr. Hanawalt's parents removed to Ross County, Ohio, in 1814 and died there—Mr. H. July 28, 1831, and Mrs. H. July 17, 1846. Mrs. Hanawalt's father, Richard Acton, was a soldier in the war of 1812. In October, 1850, our subject's parents came to Mill Creek Township, where Mr. Hanawalt had purchased eighty-three acres of land in 1847. He increased his farm by subsequent purchases, till at his death he owned 215 acres. He died January 21, 1874. Mr. Hanawalt was a man of unusual force of character; he started in life a poor boy, and spent several years of his early manhood in supporting his mother, and caring for and educating his brothers and sisters. He became a bankrupt once on account of securing others and was compelled to make a second start. By his industry and energy he accumulated considerable property, leaving an estate valued at $11,200. He was for several years an ardent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; his political affiliations were formerly with the Whigs, but of later years with the Republican party. Berry, the eldest son, was reared on a farm till of age, and educated in the common schools. October 5, 1865, he was married to Miss Rebecca J., daughter of Warret and Emily

Owen. Mrs. H. was born in Mill Creek Township, January 25, 1848. Of their four children two are living—Charles, born October 11, 1866, and Jennettie, born January 24, 1868; Alpharetta, died June 13, 1868, and Samuel, born April 18, 1870, and died February 14, 1872. Mr. Hanawalt located on his farm October 11, 1867. He owns 104½ acres of land and is engaged in farming and stock-raising. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is connected with the I. O. O. F. He served as Township Trustee one term, and Treasurer two terms.

ARTHUR LIGGETT, farmer, P. O. New Dover, eldest son of James and Sarah A. Liggett, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, December 12, 1839. He came to Union County with his parents when a boy. He was reared on the farm and educated in the district schools. August 26, 1860, he was joined in marriage to Miss Clarinda Freshwater, daughter of George and Sarah Freshwater. Mrs. Liggett was born in Delaware County, Ohio, October 21, 1841. They have two children—Calvin, born July 18, 1863, and David Elmer, born October 26, 1867. Oren, born September 13, 1861, and died September 28, 1863. In 1869, Mr. Liggett located on his farm, and has since followed its pursuits in connection with stock-raising. His farm contains 150 acres. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics is Democratic. He served as Assessor of Dover Township two terms.

WILLIAM H. LOVELESS, farmer, P. O. New Dover, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, May 10, 1840. He is a son of John and Susan (Said) Loveless, the former a native of Prince George County, Md., and the latter of Delaware County, Ohio. The parents of the former removed to Delaware County, Ohio, when he was twelve years of age. He was married in 1833, to Susan Said, and had twelve children. He removed with his family to Effingham County, Ill., in 1864, and died February 14, 1878. Mrs. L. resides on the homestead in Effingham County. William is the third of a family of twelve children. When ten years of age his parents moved to Dover Township, where he was reared to manhood. November 15, 1861, he enlisted in the ranks of the Union army, as a member of Company F, Sixty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, to serve three years. June 9, 1862, he participated in the battle of Port Republic, when he received a gunshot wound in the left foot. He was finally discharged, August 1, 1862, on account of his wounds. Recovering from his disabilities, May 1, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was chosen First Lieutenant, and served in that capacity till his discharge, August 1, 1864. November 26, 1863, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary, daughter of Joseph K. and Nancy Richey. Mrs. L. was born in Dover Township, September 15, 1841. Their union was blest with five children, viz.: Carrie, Nancy L., Charlie, William and Lydia. They also have a niece, Wattie Sharp, whom they have reared. Mrs. Loveless is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. L. is identified with the Masonic fraternity, and G. A. R. Politically, he is of Republican principle. He owns 210 acres of fine land. It is adorned with a substantial brick residenc, erected in 1880, at a cost of $3,000. Mr. Loveless is engaged in agriculture and rearing Clydesdale horses, which he exhibits at the annual fairs.

CHARK LOW, farmer, P. O. New Dover, was born in Ulster County, N. Y., March 11, 1817. His parents, John and Maylin (Felkner) Low, were natives of the same county. They were married, and in 1818 removed to Ross County, Ohio, thence to Pickaway County, and in 1825 to Madison County. The following year they came to Jerome Township, Union County, locating on the present site of Plain City. In 1827, Mr. Lowe made a trip to York State and died on the return. He left a widow and five children. She moved to the farm now owned by George M. Rickard. They lived on different farms in Jerome till the death of Mrs. Low, in March, 1843. The children were as follows: Luke, John, Peggy, Polly, Chark and Eliza. In 1844, the subject of this sketch removed to his present farm, which he had bought some years before. In 1843, he was married to Charlotte McClung, daughter of Joseph and Peggy McClung, by whom he had two children—Levi, who married Anna Leard; and Mary, wife of Isaac Conklin. Mrs. Low departed this life November 26, 1852. Mr. Low again married to Phebe, daughter of Abraham and Mary J. Beck. Mrs. Low was born in Dover Township July 15 1837. Of eight children by this marriage, six are living—Sylvester, now deceased, Sarah E., John, Flora B., Elmer C. and Martha J. Samuel H. and Almena are deceased. Mr. Low and family are members of the Christian Church. He owns a farm of 200 acres, well improved and cultivated, and is engaged in farming and stock-raising.

JEREMIAH MILLER, farmer, P. O. New Dover, a native of Champaign County, Ohio, born December 21, 1837. He is a son of Thomas and Delila (Wade) Miller, who moved and settled in Washington Township in 1848. Jeremiah was reared to manhood in Washington Township. October 16, 1860, he was married to Miss Sarah A., daughter of Joshua and Mary Haines. She departed this life August 11, 1868, leaving one child, David E., born October 11, 1862. Mr. Miller's second marriage was celebrated September 16, 1873, with Miss Mollie A. Clugage, daughter of James Clugage, an old pioneer of the county. Mrs. Miller was born in Delaware County, Ohio, May 18, 1834. She was for many years engaged in the profession of teaching, and was one of the county's most efficient teachers. Mr. Miller resided in Washington Township till 1877, when he removed to Marysville and dealt in cattle one year; then removed to his present location, but has since continued in the stock business. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Miller is identified with the Masonic order, Richwood Lodge, No. 303, and in politics is a Republican. He served one term as Trustee of Washington Township.

JAMES H. MYERS, farmer, P. O. New Dover, was born in Dover Township February 18, 1847. He is a son of John and Hannah Myers, who were respectively natives of Licking and Ross Counties. His father was born March 1, 1812, and his mother June 4, 1812. They married in Licking County, Ohio, May 3, 1832, and in 1837 came to Dover Township. In 1847, Mr. Myers purchased a farm, on which he died February 21, 1871; Mrs. Myers died on the same day of the previous year. They were both members of the Mount Herman Methodist Episcopal Church. James is the fifth of twelve children. January 5, 1864, at the age of seventeen, he enlisted in Company F, Sixty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was with the Army of the Cumberland, and April 23, he was disabled at Buzzard Roost, Ga. He was sent to Camp Douglass, Chicago, Ill., where he was Orderly to Gen. Sweet till his discharge, July 25, 1865. April 12, 1871, he was married to Miss Bell, daughter of S. T. and Elizabeth Rittenhouse. Mrs. Myers was born in Ross County, Ohio, July 17, 1853. They have four sons, viz.: Memphis, Milo, Iven and Ivin. Mr. Myers owns the homestead, which contains 120 acres. He engaged in farming and raising Spanish merino sheep, short-horned cattle, and Poland-China hogs. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

JAMES B. NORRIS, farmer, P. O. New Dover, was born in Malden, Ontario, February 20, 1822. He is a son of Jeremiah K. and Margaret (Harris) Norris, who emigrated from Gloucestershire, England, in 1812, and settled at Halifax, N. S., where Mr. Norris rented 1,800 acres of land of Admiral Cochran, and dealt in stock till 1819, when they removed to Harrison County, Ohio, going from Philadelphia, Penn., in wagons. In 1821, they went back to Ontario, crossing Lake Erie on the ice, and in 1830 they returned to Harrison County, where Mr. Norris died January 28, 1837. Mrs. Norris came to Delaware County in 1866, where her death occurred July 14, 1878. Our subject was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. When fifteen he left home and followed working by the month three years at $8 and $10 per month. December 9, 1840, he came to Mill Creek Township and purchased thirty acres of land. He lived in different places in Union and Delaware Counties till 1864, when he located on the farm he now occupies. November 30, 1842, he was married to Rebecca L., daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Schofield) Pennypacker, and a native of Chester County, Penn., where she was born April 25, 1823. Of eight children born to them, three sons are living—Jacob P., Jeremiah K. and Benjamin F.; Joseph, Jeremiah, Jane, Hannah L. and Sarah A. are deceased. Jacob P., the eldest of the deceased, enlisted October 1, 1862, in Company D, Eighty-eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged on account of disability October 1, 1863. He reenlisted February 24, 1864, in Company K, Fifty-fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged August, 1865. Mr. Norris, our subject, was the first man drafted in Union County, and he furnished a substitute. He owns a farm of 152 acres, and is engaged in farming and raising stock. Mr. and Mrs. Norris are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ADAM PHILLIPS, farmer, P. O. New Dover, is a son of Holdridge and Sarah (Ryan) Phillips, both natives of Barbour County, Va., and a grandson of John J. Holdridge, of Revolutionary fame His maternal grandparents, James and Catharine Ryan, came to Union County in 1845, and settled on the land now owned by our subject. Holdridge Phillips and Sarah Ryan were married January 13, 1829, and moved to this county in 1847. He purchased of his father's estate 212 acres of land in Dover Township, upon which he settled and raised a family of four children, of whom our subject is the youngest, and was born in Barbour County, Va., in 1841. He was raised on the homestead farm, and was married in Fulton County, Ind., October 20, 1864, to Miss Mary E., daughter of Daniel and Saloma Hodkins, of Virginia. This union produced three children, two of whom are living, viz.: Albert and Bertha. Mr. Phillips has a farm of ninety-nine and one-half acres at the present time, which, however, is highly cultivated and productive. He fills the office of Township Trustee, and ranks among the pioneer farmers of the township and county. Phineas W., of Mahaska County, Iowa; Cyrus, of Mitchell County, Kan., and Eva, wife of Andrew Watson, of Richwood, Union County, are his brothers and sister.

ADAM RICHEY, farmer, P. O. New Dover, third son of Joseph K. and Nancy Richey, was born in Dover Township March 7, 1843. He was reared on his father's farm, and educated in the schools of his native place. March 24, 1864, he enlisted in Company B, Thirty-second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was with Gen. Sherman on his Atlanta campaign and was engaged in all the chief battles to Atlanta, where he remained a short time, then went on the noted march to the sea, participating in all the engagements of the march. He afterward fought at Bentonville, N. C., then went to Washington, D. C., and attended the grand review. He was discharged at Louisville, Ky., July 20, 1865. September 6, 1866, he was married to Miss Mary M., daughter of Timothy and Jane Thomas. Mrs. Richey was born in Licking County November 22, 1843. Four children to them were born—Dwight, Otto, Lillian and Joseph T. Mrs. Richey is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Richey is a member of the G. A. R. and is a Republican. He owns 114 acres of land.

JAMES RITTENHOUSE, farmer, P. O. New Dover, eldest son of Samuel T. and Elizabeth (Nichols) Rittenhouse, was born in Ross County, Ohio, July 30, 1842. When twelve years of age, his parents removed to Union County, where he was reared to manhood. August 8, 1862, he enlisted in Company —, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but was immediately transferred to Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment. He served in the army of the Tennessee, and participated in the following engagements: Perryville, Franklin, Triune, Chickamauga, where he was taken sick with typhoid fever. He was confined in the hospitals at Nashville and Louisville. After his recovery, he joined his regiment at Atlanta, Ga., and was taken down with the small-pox, and after he recovered from this malady he was employed as chief clerk and general Ward Master till his discharge at camp Chase, Ohio, June 27, 1865. November 2, 1865, he was married to Mary A., daughter of John and Lucinda Guy, and a native of Delaware County, where she was born October 9, 1844; of six children born to this marriage, the following are living: Lucinda E., Mary E., John T., Edgar M. and Clara. Lester A. died aged six months and twenty-one days. Mr. Rittenhouse owns a farm of 146 acres of land and is engaged in agriculture and stock-raising. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is connected with the I. O. O. F., Grange and G. A. R. He is a member of the Board of Township Trustees, and in politics a Republican.

JOHN ROBINSON, farmer, P. O. New Dover, a well-known pioneer of Dover Township, was born in London, England, March 21, 1802. He is a son of William and Mary (Taylor) Robinson, the former a native of London and the latter of Oxfordshire, England. Mr. Robinson was an artist, and superintended the construction of the interior of the former house of Lords, and the Throne at Windsor. The ancestral history of this family shows them to be of Huguenot extraction. The first of the family of any distinction came with the persecuted Huguenots from France during the reign of Louis the Fourteenth. William was in the employ of the British Government for many years and died in London. The subject of this sketch was reared in the metropolis of Great Britain, and was educated in a French Protestant College. Mr. Robinson possesses the endowments of art so characteristic of his race, and was in the employ of the Government in London till 1830, when his property, amounting to $40,000, was destroyed by fire. He rebuilt, and in 1833 came across the waters, and located a few months in New York City; then came to Delaware County, Ohio, where he purchased 400 acres. In March, 1853, he came to Union County and purchased 200 acres of land lying on the line. Mr. Robinson by his energy and perseverance acquired large property, at one time owning 800 acres of finely improved and highly cultivated land. This he has divided among his children and now lives with his son Guido. August 13, 1831, he was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of James and Fillis Hayes. Mrs. Robinson was born in Gloucestershire, England, in 1812. This marriage was blest with seven children, viz.: Edwin H., married Lucinda Hill; Alfred J., married Lorinda Hill; Rubens W., married Hattie Watson; Arthur S., married Sarah J. Thomas; Mary C. T., wife of Judson Ferris; Edward, married Sarah P. Culp, and Guido, married Laura J. Andrews and have four children—Girard E., Beale A., Ellis A. and Grace. Mrs. Robinson departed this life May 10, 1879. Mr. Robinson is a man of rare artistic talent. Both in carving and painting, he displays a remarkably peculiar ingeniousness. His home is almost entirely furnished with ornaments and carvings from his own hand. One piece of furniture, a library case, of a very peculiar design, is one of the useful curiosities of the parlor. Mr. Robinson has made some paintings of Alpine and other natural scenery, and shows skill in this art as well as in carving. Besides he has a large collection of geological, mineralogical and botanical specimens.

JOHN M. RONEY, farmer, P. O. New Dover, is a son of James and Rachel Roney, both natives of Chester County, Penn., the former born October 17, 1796, and the latter April 29, 1797. They came to the West in April, 1834, and settled near Dublin, Franklin County, on the Scioto River, where he purchased a farm and where he passed his life and died on November 26, 1840. She died in December, 1839. They raised a family of eight children, four of whom are living in this county. The subject of this sketch was born in Franklin County on August 27, 1836, and is the youngest living child of his parents. He lived at home until his father's death, then being six years of age, when he was brought to Marysville, and was brought up until twelve years of age by Mitchell Robinson. When seventeen years of age, he began teaching district school. This he followed until twenty years of age, when after a short journey West he returned and was married December 22, 1857, to Miss Eliza M., daughter of Jesse Gill, of this county. After marriage, he purchased a farm in Mill Creek Township, where he resided thirteen years, when in 1871 he purchased and settled upon his present estate, consisting of 104 acres, where he has since made his home. Mr. R. has filled the office of Justice of the Peace for the past five years. He has also filled other township offices, and is a Director of the Agricultural Society of Union County. He is connected with the Presbyterian Church of Ostrander, and numbers among the oldest living settlers of the county. His living children are James L., Albert V. and Jane G.

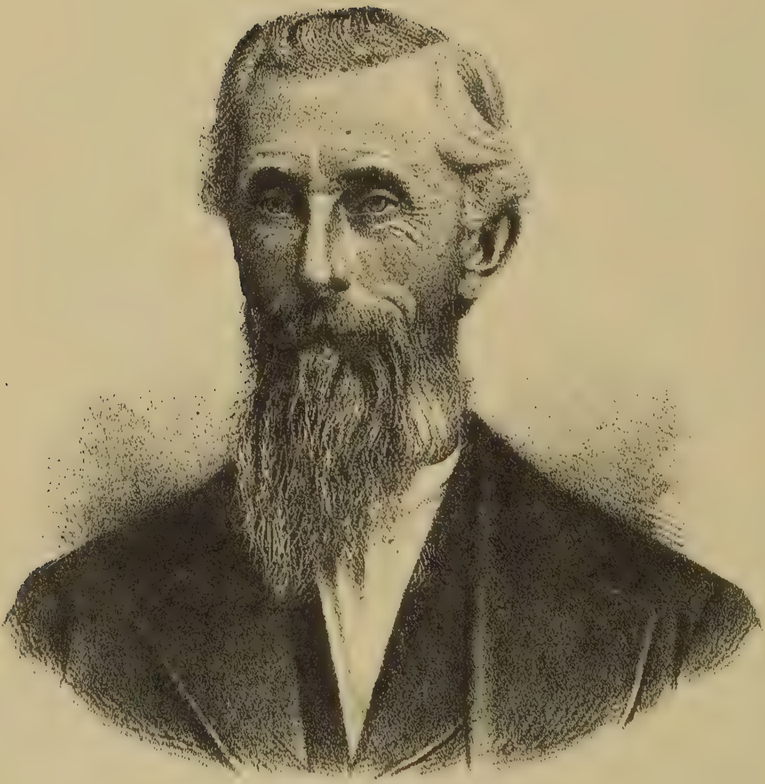
MORGAN SAVAGE, farmer, P. O. New Dover, a prominent pioneer citizen of Dover Township, was born in Montgomeryshire, North Wales, August 16, 1811. He is a son of Richard and Susanna (Tomly) Savage, who emigrated to the United States in 1824, landing in Baltimore April 3. They settled seven miles north of Baltimore, where they resided till 1832, in which year they migrated to Delaware County, Ohio, where they both died. When Morgan was a boy, he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter and joiner trade in Baltimore. He came to Delaware County with his parents, where he pursued his trade up to 1849. In April of that year, he went across the plains to California, and followed mining and his trade. He made the woodwork on the first brick building in Sacramento City. December, 1850, he returned to Delaware County, and in 1856 came to Dover and purchased Survey No. 5,504, containing 304 acres, for which he paid $16 per acre. He made additions to this farm till he owned over 700 acres of land in the township. He was the first person to indorse the petition for the Marysville & Delaware gravel road. In the way of public improvements, Mr. Savage has always displayed an interesting part. To the different pikes, he has given in taxes about $2,800. He was one of the founders of the Baptist Church, and has been identified with it officially for many years. Mrs. S. is also a member. January, 1837, Mr. Savage was married to Margaret, daughter of Asa and Catharine Robinson, by whom he had eleven children: of these three are living—Anna, wife of John Beard; Hattie R., wife of Calvin Michael; and Alice, wife of Oscar Beckham. Mrs. Savage's father died May 12, 1866, aged eighty-five. Mrs. Robinson is living in the ninety-sixth year of her age. Politically, Mr. Savage is of Democratic views, having advocated those doctrines since the days of Gen. Jackson. He served as Trustee of Dover Township one term and one term of Concord Township, Delaware County. Mr. Savage has witnessed much of the growth and improvement of the county and State, and in the development of the county he has taken an active interest. In 1828, he witnessed the laying of the corner-stone of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Baltimore, the first railroad in the United States. He saw Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, at that time the only surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Savage saw La Fayette when he came to America on his farewell visit.

DAVID SHULER, carpenter, New Dover, was born in Licking County, Ohio, October 4, 1832. His parents, William and Sarah (Dupler) Shuler, were natives of Pennsylvania. He is the eldest of seven children, five of whom are now living. He passed his early life on the farm and received his education in the common schools of the country. October, 1863, he enlisted in Company B, Thirty-second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served in the Seventeenth Army Corps, and participated in the battle of Baker's Creek, and then accompanied Gen. Sherman on the Atlanta campaign, and was active in all the battles in which the Thirty-second Regiment was engaged. He went throughout the march to the sea, and was in all the battles of that famous march. He was known as one of "Sherman's bummers." Subsequently he fought at Bentonville, N. C., and was then marched to Washington, D. C., where he attended the grand review. He was discharged with honors at Columbus, Ohio, at the close of the war. He resumed his trade—carpenter—and followed it till 1873, when he engaged in getting out spokes and felloe strips. In 1877, he began manufacturing, which he has since followed. December 28, 1858, he was married to Miss Clarissa, daughter of Willard and Mary (Foster) Edson, by whom he had four children, viz.: Willis V., Ellice V., wife of Edward Fleck; and Mary E.; Grace died aged seventeen years. Mr. Shuler is a member of the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R. Politically, he is a Republican. He served one term as Township Treasurer. In 1861, he was appointed Postmaster at New Dover and has since held the office.

WILLIAM A. SHULER, Jr., manufacturer, New Dover, is a son of William A. and Sarah (Dupler) Shuler. The former was born in Northumberland County, Penn., December 9, 1810. The latter was born in Perry County, Ohio, April 15, 1810. They came to the West at an early day and settled in Delaware County, where he resided until he removed to this county in 1849. He settled in this township and engaged in farming until 1855, when he moved to this village, where he and his wife live in retirement in the seventy-second year of his age. They raised a family of five children, all of whom are living. The subject of this sketch was born in Delaware County in 1844, and in early life engaged in the harness and saddlery business. He was working at his trade until the time of his enlistment in the Union army in March, 1864, when he joined Company F, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Mill Creek, Ga., Resaca, Cassville, Dallas and Pine Hill, where he was wounded and sent to the hospital at Nashville. He rejoined the regiment at Atlanta, after recovery, and participated at the siege of Savannah, and at the latter place was obliged to suffer delay and confinement on account of his wound, but recovered so as to be able to join the regiment at Washington, D. C., and was a witness of the grand review. He was also with Sherman on his march to the sea. Mr. S. on retiring from the war, entered the mercantile trade in this place, which he continued about five years. Subsequently he became engaged in the manufacture of racks and chairs rounds, which he has carried on successfully to the present time. He again began in the mercantile business in this village, in November, 1881, where he conducts a prosperous trade. He was united in marriage December 24, 1867, to Miss Allie Sevirn, a daughter of James Y. and Lucinda (Rose) Sevirn. Mrs. Shuler is a native of Marysville, Union County. To this union one child was born, now deceased. Mr. Shuler and wife are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church of this village and number among the young and energetic people of the county. William A. Shuler, Sr., succeeded Calvin Richey in the mercantile business in this village in 1855, where he was actively and successfully engaged, until he retired from business, and was succeeded by his son, the subject of this sketch, in 1881.

ANDREW TAYLOR, farmer, P. O. New Dover, was born January 20, 1825. He is a son of John and Jinsey (Noteman) Taylor, who were married in Union County, but settled near Plain City in Madison County, where our subject was born, and where his mother died four or five weeks after his birth. He was then taken by his grandfather Andrew Noteman, who reared him from babyhood, and the "little glass jug," from which he received his nourishment, and which afterward was used by him to carry milk to school, is now preserved perfectly in the family as an heirloom. Mr. Taylor married the second time to Mrs. Ann Taylor, *nee* Hendricks, who bore him two children—Daniel J. and David O., who was killed at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain. When his father married the second time, Andrew went back into the family. His father removed near New California, where he bought 130 acres of woodland, which he cleared before his death. He died in January, 1841. His widow still survives him in the eighty-fifth year of her age, and resides at Green Bend. Mr. Taylor grew to manhood on the farm and was educated in the common schools. In 1848, he learned coopering, which he followed five years. He then erected an ashery and operated it successfully in the manufacture of black salts and potash for four years. He sold to Judge Woods and turned his attention to farming, which he has since followed. In 1851, he bought seventy acres of land, which cost him $17 an acre. Most of the purchase was in woods. He had previously bought and paid for 217 acres, and the title proving void, he lost it. Mr. Taylor has by his energy and industry acquired considerable valuable property. He started out poor and alone to achieve a fortune, and by years of hard and honest toil he has made for himself a handsome competence. He now owns 550 acres of finely improved and highly cultivated land, and is one of the substantial citizens of the township. He was married October 4, 1848, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Moses and Jemima Mitchell. Mrs. Taylor was born in Darby Township, February 22, 1829. This union was blest, with eleven children, of whom seven are now living, viz.: Llewellyn J., Francis M., Izora J., wife of E. G. Rogers, Adrin M., Mary A. and Adolphis D. (twins), and Ulysees F.; Elena I. Andrew and two infants are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are members of the Methodsit Episcopal Church. Mr. Taylor has served Mill Creek as Trustee four years, and Township Clerk two years. Politically, he is of Republican principle. Mr. Taylor has for the last thirty years made a special pursuit in rearing thoroughbred short-horned cattle, and has been successful.

JAMES THOMPSON, merchant, New Dover, a prominent citizen of Dover Township, was born near Charlottesville, Va., February 28, 1812. He is a son of John and Polly (Nelson) Thompson, natives of Virginia. His paternal grandfather, James Thompson, was also a native of the Old Dominion. He participated in the struggles for our national independence, and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. In 1818 he came to Mill Creek Township with four sons and three daughters, viz.: James John, Charles, William, Polly, wife of James Burns; Susan, wife of John Gray, and Elizabeth, wife of David Price. Of these all died in Union County, except James, who died near Chillicothe, and Mrs. Burns, whose death occurred in Missouri. James Burns, her husband, was connected with the Land Office of Missouri for fifteen years. James Thompson died in Mill Creek Township in 1840. His father emigrated to America subsequent to the French and Indian war, and settled in Old Virginia, where he died. Mrs. Thompson, the wife of James, departed this life in 1838. John, the father of our subject, was drafted into military service during the war of 1812. For his first wife he married Polly Nelson, their children were James (our subject), William, Elizabeth, and Nancy, deceased. Mrs. Thompson died in August, 1816. Mr. Thompson married for his second wife, Elizabeth Graham, by whom he had the following children: George, Robert, Anderson, John, Susan, Elizabeth and Temperance. Mr. Thompson died in Mill Creek Township, in 1836, James, our subject, whose name heads this sketch, was taken by his grandfather when six years of age and reared and educated. From the time he was fifteen years old till of age, he worked out by the day, month and year. In 1832, he married and settled on forty acres of land near Watkins, which purchase he had made some time previously. He pursued the avocation of farming till 1838, when he established a small store at Watkins, which was the first in Mill Creek Township. Mr. Thompson continued in the mercantile business at Watkins till April 1, 1878, when he removed to New Dover, resuming the mercantile trade. In 1840, he was appointed Postmaster at Watkins, and filled that office till 1861. During that period he served as Justice of the Peace nine years. In 1860, he was tendered the Deputy Marshalship of Union County, but on account of ill health, declined. He was a great lover of military discipline, and when a boy joined the militia and served as Drummer, Drum-Major, First Lieutenant and Captain. At the disorganization of this militia, and August 1, 1863, at the formation of the home militia, he was elected Captain of Company E, Third Battalion Ohio Militia, and September 1, 1863, was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the same battalion. Mr. Thompson was the first Assessor of Mill Creek Township, and served in every other official capacity in that township. Mr. Thompson embarked in life a poor boy, and dependent upon his own exertions. By his untiring energy and industry, he achieved a large success in the accumulation of this world's goods. He owned land in Mill Creek, Dover and Taylor Townships, to the number of



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1,300 acres. He has since divided among his children, till his farm now contains but 650 acres. Mr. Thompson was married January 5, 1832, to Miss Catharine Gamble, who died September 9, 1854, leaving him six children, viz.: John G., Robert W., Nelson P., Tyler, Joseph S., Mary L., wife of W. S. Rogers, and Ray T. Mr. Thompson celebrated his second marriage December 31, 1855, with Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John and Sarah Gamble. Two children were the fruits of this union—George E. and Horace G. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson religiously entertain the views of the church of the Disciples. Mr. T. in politics, is decidedly Democratic.

JOHN WELLER, farmer, P. O. New Dover, was born near Watkins, Union County, December 3, 1838. He is a son of Edward Weller, a prominent citizen residing near Marysville. He was reared to manhood on a farm, and received his training in the common schools. August 13, 1861, he shouldered his musket in Company D, Thirty-fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and started for the fields of the army of West Virginia. He participated in the battles of Mud Creek, Princeton, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Charleston, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and all the engagements in which the Eighth Army Corps participated. The last two years he served as Corporal, during which time the regiment was mounted, and did cavalry duty. He was discharged at Columbus, September 1, 1864, and returned home and resumed crock and tile making, which he followed till 1876. He then removed to a farm in the eastern part of Paris Township, and in 1877 to his present farm. December 30, 1875, he was married to Miss Emma, daughter of M. W. and Sarah Judy, and a native of Liberty Township. Mrs. Weller was born November 29, 1858. They have one child—Bariah Victor, born July 26, 1877. Edward J. died aged five months and twenty-eight days. Mr. Weller owns a half-interest in a farm of 132½ acres, and is engaged in agriculture and stock-raising. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and I. O. O. F. and G. A. R. In politics is Republican. He was one term member of the Board of Trustees of Dover Township.

CHAPTER VII.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP.

THIS was the sixth township constituted in Union County, and was organized as follows: "At a meeting of the Commissioners of the county of Union, on the first Monday of June, 1822, the township of Liberty was organized as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of Paris Township, thence west to the county line, thence north to the north boundary of said county, thence east to the west boundary of Paris Township, thence south with said line to the place of beginning, to be known by the name of Liberty Township." Upon the organization of York Township, at a later date, the northern boundary line was changed, and the territory of Liberty made much less, and finally brought to its present limits and boundaries.

Land surveys were begun in this township quite early, although not as soon as in the southern townships of the county. The first survey was made in September, 1799. The several surveys of this township are as follows: Surveyed September 16, 1799, for David Duncan Assee, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 3,444, Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed February 8, 1834, for Arthur W. Duncan, Assee, 150 acres, Survey No. 3,462, E. P. Kendrick, D. S. Surveyed July 20, 1815, for John Scarborough, 666 acres, Survey No. 3,462, Duncan McArthur, D. S. Surveyed December 4, 1823, for William Dangerfield, 400 acres, Survey No. 3,487, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed December 4, 1823, for Thompson Davis, 191 acres, Survey No. 3,487, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed December 3, 1823, for William Richie, 100 acres, Survey No. 3,490, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed December 3, 1823, for John Hoopwood, 100 acres, Survey No. 3,490, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed September 17, 1799, for Jacob Woolston, Assee, 600 acres, Survey No. 3,689, Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed November 7, 1803, for Benjamin Grimes, 1,333 acres, Survey No. 4,404, Joseph Kerr, D. S. Surveyed November 7, 1803, for Benjamin Grimes, 1,333⅓ acres, Survey No. 4,404, Joseph Kerr, D. S. Surveyed December 11, 1805, for the representative of L. Jones, 1,380 acres, Survey No. 4,815, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed December 3, 1823, for George Solomon, 100 acres, Survey No. 5,267, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed December 3, 1823, for James Baldwin, 100 acres, Survey No. 5,267, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed December 3, 1823, for Bryan Simmons, 100 acres, Survey No. 5,267, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed December 3, 1823, for William Russell, Assee, 200 acres, Survey No. 5,270, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed December 2, 1823, for George Winter, 100 acres, Survey No. 5,270, James Galloway, D. S. Surveyed February 29, 1808, for Robert Means, Assee., 1,000 acres, Survey No. 5,729, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed September 4, 1809, for Robert Means, Assee., 300 acres, Survey No. 5,777, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed September 5, 1810, for Duncan McArthur, 880 acres, Survey Nos. 6,563 and 6,776, Duncan McArthur, D. S. Surveyed November 29, 1823, for Richard Dorsey, 750 acres, Survey No. 12,282, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Charles Neal enters 100 acres, January 1, 1821, Survey No. 10,593. Surveyed October 26, 1824, for Young Wilkerson, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 12,283, Duncan McArthur, D. S. Surveyed January 15, 1824, for John Shanks and Joshua McQueen, 200 acres, Surveys Nos. 12,388 and 12,401, J. Galloway, D. S. Surveyed March 12, 1824, for James Galloway, Jr., Assee., William Schoolar and Joshua McQueen, 523 acres, Surveys Nos. 12,399, 12,402, 12,395, 12,427 and 12,423, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed February 16, 1824, for Andrew Rogers, Joshua McQueen, Robert Green, Robert Payne and Susanna Payne, his wife, son of Robert Green, deceased, and James Galloway, Jr., Assee, 1,823 acres, Surveys Nos. 12,400, 12,403, 12,393 and 12,413, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed December 1, 1824, for Joseph Spencer, 200 acres, Survey No. 12,484, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed July 1, 1824, for Mazy or Mary Vance, 1,600 acres, Survey No. 12,472, Allen Latham, D. S. Surveyed February 4, 1832, for Joseph Spencer, 94 acres, Survey No. 13,271, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed May 22, 1832, for James Galloway, Jr., Assee., 83⅓ acres, Survey No. 13,291, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed November 27, 1837, for Allen Latham, Assee., 455 acres, Survey No. 13,447, E. P. Kendrick, D. S. Surveyed February 13, 1837, for James Galloway, Jr., Assee., 80 acres, Survey No. 13,849, James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed December 24, 1843, for Allen Latham, Assee., 155 acres, Survey No. 14,912, E. P. Kendrick, D. S. Surveyed November 15, 1842, for John L. Dawson and John Dawson, Assees., 400 acres, Survey No. 14,755, E. P. Kendrick, D. S. Surveyed for Allen Latham, 81 acres, Survey No. 16,133. Surveyed for A. D. Kendrick, 100 acres, Survey No. 15,921. Surveyed for Tuttle Hudson, 400 acres, Survey No. 6,232. Surveyed for Robert Means, 1,828⅔ acres, Surveys Nos. 5,778, 5,641, 5,806 and 6,495.

SURFACE, SOIL, STREAMS, ETC.

The surface is generally level, not as undulating as that of Allen Township. The western and southwestern portions are quite flat and originally were very wet, but by ditching and draining are becoming in fine condition for farming. The eastern and southeastern portions, and along the creeks are more undulating and in some places slightly hilly. The bottom lands and some of the level portions possess a deep black loam, but generally the soil is a strong, productive clay and loam, producing abundant crops of corn, wheat, oats and grass. The principal stream of the township is Mill Creek, which enters from Logan County, on its west boundary, passing through the Hosack farm, on Survey 4,815, and meandering in a general southeastern course through the township, leaves it, and passes into Taylor, through the Aaron Shirk farm. This creek is one of the largest streams of Union County, and gave water-power to all the early mills of this township: and along its course and near its banks located most of the first settlers. In its course through the township, it receives a few small tributaries, as Colver Run, etc., but none of any significance. In the extreme southern and southeastern part is Little Otter Run, which takes the same southeasterly course. In the southwest part is Flat Branch, which takes its rise in the western central portion, and flows south into Allen Township. This township was originally heavily timbered, embracing the following varieties: White, black, red and burr oak, hickory, walnut, elm, sugar, maple and beech, the latter predominating, especially in the northern portion of the township.

EARLY SETTLERS.

The pioneers early made their way up Mill Creek, and formed a settlement in the dense forests of the territory comprised in Liberty Township several years prior to the settling of Allen Township. Levi Carter, believed to be a native of Virginia, was, in all probability the first to penetrate the unbroken wilderness of this domain. He settled on land now owned by James T. Mahaffy in 1813–14. He married Miss Elizabeth Edgar, by whom he had the following children: Caleb, who was a man full of eccentricities and well known for his peculiarities; Lemuel, who married Jemima Orahood; William, Joseph, Levi, Margaret and Malinda. Mr. Carter was one of the Judges of the first election of Liberty Township. As an inducement to start an early settlement here, Gen. McArthur offered 100 acres to any man who would permanently settle upon it, and Mr. Carter accepted the proposition, and became, as above stated, the first settler in this vicinity. He was a good man and neighbor and a worthy citizen. About 1840, he with all his family removed to Illinois, where he died.

Charles Colver, a native of the State of New York, who was mentioned as an early settler of Union Township, locating there in 1812; in the fall of 1815, became the second settler, probably of this township. He married Olive Callander, and settled on land now owned by his son, Russel Colver, and here resided till his death, September 8, 1823, aged fifty years; his wife survived him several years and died on the home place. Their children were as follows: Standish, who married Betsey McCloud; she died and he married Maria Smith; his death occurred November 15, 1882; Asa, married a widow, formerly Mary Tignor, in the State of Mississippi, where he settled and resided till his death; Hulda, married Joseph Curl, and died in Logan County, Ohio; Caroline married Isaiah Garwood, and died in Logan County; Silas, removed to Illionis, where he married and resided till his death; Russel, married Mrs. Mary Colver, and resided in North Lewisburg; Catharine, married Hiram Smith, and resides near Irwin Station; Permelia, deceased; Amos, married a lady from near Homer; she died, and he removed to Oregon, where he again married and now resides; and Calista, who married William Stokes; she is deceased.

Israel Carter, brother of Levi Carter, settled on land now owned by Moffet and Henderson, about two years later than his brother. He married and remained a resident of this neighborhood till his death. His children were Lewis, who never married, is deceased; Benjamin, married Miss Susan Kigar, moved to Illinois, where he died; Levi, married Miss Orahood, and subsequently moved to Illinois; John, married Fannie Griffin; she died, and he married Harriet Smith; again he was left a widower and married Mrs. Rebecca Foster, *nee* Smith; Charles, married Rachel Dillon; Israel, married Jane Smith, both are deceased; Zephaniah, married Frances Anderson, and removed to Wisconsin; Lemon, married Angeline Seaman, and removed to

Kansas; Margaret, married a Mr. Paige, and settled in the West; Sarah, married Leonard Griffin, and removed to Iowa; Minerva, married a Mr. Dee, is deceased; and Hulda, deceased. Mr. Carter was a highly esteemed and respected citizen. He died January 9, 1850, aged seventy-one years. Oron D. Colver, a brother of the above mentioned Charles Colver, settled on Mill Creek on land now owned by James T. Mahaffey, in the spring of 1816. He married Clarissa Millington, of Vermont, in 1799. They resided on the place where they first located till 1823, when they removed into Logan County, where he died August 21, 1827; his wife died April 29, 1857. Their children were Oron D., who died young in Vermont; Sallie, married Elisha White; she died in 1823; Angeline, married Israel Lockwood; Sophia, married Ira White, and both died in Indiana; Rhoda, married James Hawley, and died in Illinois; Porter, married Laura Hawley, both died in Kansas; and Burrell, married Mary Lane, and resides in Kansas.

Samuel Porter, a native of Vermont, with his family, settled on land now owned by William H. H. Titus, about 1817, where he resided till about 1823, when he removed back to his native State, where a few years after, he and his wife died. He was a man of untarnished character, a good neighbor and valuable citizen.

James Herd, a native of Berkeley County, Va., emigrated to Clark County, Ohio, while a young man, prior to the war of 1812, and there married Margaret Edgar. In March, 1817, they settled in this township, on land now owned by Henry Wheeler, being the fourth family to settle in Liberty Township. They resided here till their death. Mrs. Herd died in 1834, and he died January 12, 1842, in his fifty-fourth year. Their children were William, who died in Missouri, unmarried; Hannah, deceased; Andrew, married Sarah J. Turner, is deceased; Wallace, deceased; Jane, married Samuel Smith, is deceased; Margaret, deceased; Richard, married Miss Waggle, and now resides in Iowa, and James who married Dosa Kaley. Mr. Herd was one of the most reliable citizens of Liberty Township.

Thomas Herd, Sr., was born in Clark County, Ohio, and was a son of Thomas and Dorcas Herd, who moved from Berkeley County, Va., to Kentucky, at the close of the Revolutionary war, and in 1812 removed to Clark County, Ohio, where he died in 1813, and his wife in 1814, leaving Thomas, an infant child. He was taken by his uncle, James Herd, above mentioned, and raised to manhood, becoming a resident of this township with his uncle in 1817. He married Lydia Darrow, October 11, 1835, a native of Clinton County, N. Y. They settled on the farm where they still live, and have now made a continued residence of forty-seven years. This family was one of the true pioneers, and Mr. Herd still has vivid recollections of those days of trials and hardships; of bears, wolves, deer and other wild game in abundance, and the many dangers they and their stock were subject to from the ferocious bears and wolves, and how they had to secure their sheep nights in inclosures with a high fence all around; and many scenes and dangers of which the present generation have not even the faintest conception.

Dr. Winthrop Chandler was a native of Vermont, emigrated to Ohio, and settled in Union Township, Union County, in 1818; married a Miss Hammond, and about 1826 settled in Liberty Township, on Mill Creek, where he practiced his profession till about 1846, when he removed to Illinois, where he died. He was the first resident practicing physician of Liberty Township. It is said he was a very peculiar and eccentric man, and when any physical exertion was necessary, he "was not around;" he had the reputation of being the laziest man in the community. He was accustomed to keep some old, second-rate horses, which were never very well fed or groomed, and as a result, many times became poor and weak, and sometimes would get down in the stable, and being too weak to get up, often had to be helped up. This, of course, took physical exertion, which was troublesome and distasteful to the Doctor, so to remedy the difficulty, he had a windlass arranged over the horses, and when they could not get up, he would attach his gearing and raise them with his windlass. But whether this story of his laziness and eccentricity be true or exaggerated, it is also true that he was a thoroughly educated man, and a regular graduate of a medical college, a scientific doctor, and one of the best Liberty Township ever had; a man of gentility and a good citizen.

Isaac Brake, with his wife, Rosanna, natives of Virginia, emigrated to Ross County, Ohio, with their family, in 1818, remaining there two years. In 1820, they removed to Liberty Township and settled on Mill Creek, being then quite advanced in years. They settled on the farm known as the Joshua Judy farm, where they remained till their death. Mrs. Brake in her latter years became subject to a peculiar disease, and when its attacks came on (they generally came suddenly) she felt a desire for water immediately, and that administered she obtained relief. She had observed that if she should some time be attacked where she could not readily obtain water, she believed she would die. In that day, shooting-matches were a common and legitimate occurrence, and the citizens generally attended them and tried their skill to win the prizes. On one of these occasions Mr. Brake and family attended, it being near by; at an early hour, Mrs. Brake took her leave and started for home. Subsequently the balance of them returned home. On their arrival they found Mrs. Brake had not reached her home, and they supposed she had probably called to see one of the neighbors, and no anxiety was awakened till a late hour; when upon her not making her appearance, they became anxious and entered upon a search; but no tidings could be obtained of her. Diligent search was made in all directions; " horns " were blown through the woods, and everything done that could be devised to learn of the whereabouts of Mrs. Brake, but not until the next morning was any intelligence received, when she was found a short distance from the main road, near some water, and life was extinct. It is believed that, on her way home, she had been attacked by her disease, and had gone to that place in search of her remedy—water—and while there died. This occurred about the year 1826. Mr. Brake died about the year 1833–34. Their children were as follows: Adam, the oldest son, married Eva Baughan, and resided in Liberty Township till his death, May 15, 1870, aged seventy-six years; his wife died July 19, 1875, aged sixty-six years; Michael, the second son, married Polly Shirk, both are deceased; their children were, Aaron, Elam, John, Angeline and Mary; Sarah, the third child of Isaac; and Rosanna Brake, married John Shirk; Elizabeth, the fourth child, married Jeremiah Baughan; both are deceased.

Mordecai Baughan, a native of South Carolina, first settled in Ross County, Ohio; thence in 1820 removed to Union County, and settled on Mill Creek, about three-fourths of a mile below Newton, on land now owned by John Reyner. About 1858–60, he removed to Illinois, where he died. His children were Jeremiah, who married Elizabeth Brake, both are deceased; Mordecai, married Miss Orahood, is deceased; Madison, married Mrs. Gross, and removed to Illinois; Eve, married Adam Brake, both deceased, and one daughter who married William Gladhill.

John Shirk, a native of Virginia, born February 3, 1787, married Sarah Brake August 2, 1805; she was born in Virginia January 2, 1790. In 1820, he emigrated to Ohio, and settled in Ross County, and two years later removed to Union County, and settled on the farm since known as the Jesse Judy farm. In 1832, he purchased land where the Disciples Church now stands. This tract of land be purchased of Judge McLean, and here resided till his death, about 1873. Mr. Shirk was a very large, robust man, and physically had but few equals. While a resident of Virginia, he was the acknowledged champion, both in physical strength and activity, and there "wore the belt." But he was also possessed of an unswerving character. In morals, in kindness and justice to all with whom he had dealings, he was excelled by but few. His conclusions upon right and wrong were drawn with great nicety of decision, and adhered to with great firmness in all the minutest details of business life. At one time in his life there was a scarcity in corn generally throughout this section of country, but Mr. Shirk had an abundance, and to spare. He had always said that the true value of corn was 25 cents per bushel; that it was worth that to raise it, and no more; and consequently would never sell his corn for any more or any less than that price. He found many poor people through the neighborhood who had to buy corn, and supplied them with what they needed at the above stated price, while at other places not many miles distant corn was selling at 50 cents per bushel. One of his neighbors who knew the market value of corn, and learned that Mr. Shirk had a quantity to sell, and also the price at which he was selling it, concluded he would enter into a speculation; he harnessed up a four horse team and drove over to Mr. Shirk's residence and told him he understood he had corn to sell. Mr. Shirk replied that he had, and the man with the team told him he would take all he had. Mr. Shirk replied: "You cannot have a bushel of it; you do not want it for your own use, and do not need it, but are trying to speculate off of poor people." So he gave the man some strong moral advice, and sent him home without any corn. Thus was his kindness and generosity ever exhibited to the poor. At the time he concluded to make a purchase of land, one of his neighbors, Mr. Moore, decided also to buy; they were both poor. Judge McLean owned a large tract of land which they concluded they would endeavor jointly to purchase. The Judge would not sell to speculators; they desired it for their own use, upon which to make homes for themselves; so they concluded to go to see Judge McLean, in Ross County, and set the day to start on their journey. Mr. Moore had nothing but an old ragged suit of clothes and felt unable financially to buy a new suit; so he borrowed a fine suit of his neighbor, and on the morning appointed, dressed in his fine black suit, he made his appearance at Mr. Shirk's ready to start on the trip. Mr. Shirk looked the man all over, from head to foot, then he told him to go right home and take off his fine suit and put on his old clothes or he would not go with him; that they were going to see the Judge in their plain old clothes, and tell him just their situation financially, and make no fine show of dress or any misrepresentation in any form. He did as Mr. Shirk directed; they visited the Judge, in that plain way, with plain talk, were successful, and purchased 733 acres of land for $1,000, on easy terms, and the same land, when correctly surveyed, embraced 912 acres. This success was all due to Mr. Shirk's straighforward course, and true representation of themselves and circumstances. And the above examples are but illustrations of the principles and character which made up the warp and woof of this noble pioneer's life. Mr. Shirk was the father of the following children: Elizabeth, who married Caleb Orahood; he died and she married Ezekiel Clements; she is now a widow again, and resides in Middletown, Champaign County, Ohio; Aaron, married Rosanna Tobey; she died in 1879; he now resides at York Center; Nancy, married Daniel Johnson; Jemima, married Abraham Grubb; he died, and she married William Davis, and now resides in Michigan; Henson and Hiram (twins), the former married Nancy Wilson, the latter a lady in Northern Ohio, and subsequently removed to Iowa, where he died; Jonas, married

Olive Harrington, is deceased; Isaac, married Jane Dillon; Lucy, married Matthew Johnson; Alfred, married in Michigan, was in the war of the rebellion, and severely wounded, from the effects of which he died soon after in Indiana; Silas, married Sarah Stout, who died, and he married Christena Hamilton; John, married Millie Clemens; Sarah, married James Miller, and now resides in Mechanicsburg, Champaign County, Ohio; and one child that died in infancy.

Jacob Humphreys, a native of North Carolina, emigrated with his parents to Logan County, Ohio, about 1821–22, where he grew to manhood and married Margaret Green, and about 1829 settled in Liberty Township, Union County, Ohio, on land now owned by Mr. Hosack; here his wife died a few years after, and subsequently Mr. Humphreys sold his farm, returned to Logan County, and married Permelia Skidmore. Mr. Humphreys served in the war of the rebellion as Captain, and died in the army. His children by his first wife were Phebe Ann, Shepherd, Caroline and Sarah Jane; by his second wife he had several children born to them in Logan County.

Elisha White, a native of Vermont, settled on land now owned by William H. H. Titus, about 1822–23; his wife soon after died and he married Sarah Colver, and about 1840 removed to Indiana. Mr. White was a very eccentric man, unpolished in his manners, yet a good neighbor and citizen. His children were as follows: Ira, who married Jemima Colver, and settled in Indiana, where both died; Diantha, deceased; and Sarah, who married a Mr. Seaman and moved away.

David Lockwood, who was born in Vermont, settled on land now owned by Mr. Thompson, north of Newton; here he resided till quite advanced in years, when he removed to Illinois; remaining there but a few years, he again returned to Union County. Subsequently he again removed to Illinois, and in a few years returned to this county and died. He was a farmer through life, a genial neighbor and worthy citizen, and in religion a Universalist. He married Hannah Hand, who still survives and now resides in Leesburg Township. Their children were Silas, who moved to Illinois and settled; is now deceased; Walter, also moved West; Alonzo, married Hannah Walker; Luther, deceased; Mary Ann, married Stephen Hutchinson, is deceased; Sarah Ann, married Robert Raymond, and moved to Kansas; Emily, married C. A. Williams; Angeline, married Samuel Dillon, and moved to Illinois; Jane, who married James Wallace, and removed to Illinois; Melissa, deceased; and Lois, who married Henry Andrews.

Israel Lockwood was born in New England, and married Sallie McCloud. He with several of his neighbors first settled in Canada, where they remained till the war of 1812, when they emigrated to Ohio and settled in Union Township, this county, in 1818. In 1822–23, Mr. Lockwood settled in Liberty Township, on land now owned by Joseph Smart. His wife died and he married Angeline Colver. On this farm he remained a resident till his death in 1848. Mr. Lockwood was a most worthy farmer and citizen, and a member of the Methodist Church. His widow still survives and resides in Newton, one of the oldest pioneers now living in this township. Their children were, Thomas Edward, who married Julia Safford; was killed in the war of the rebellion; Oliver, married Amanda Judy and removed to Nebraska; Wesley, married Mary Ann Gray, she died, and he married Sarah Walker; Erastus, married Emily Baxley; George, married Henrietta Temple and removed to Kansas, but returned and is now a resident of this township; French, married Emily Dawson, and resides in Logan County, Ohio; Israel, married Amanda Woods; and Amanda and Minerva, unmarried, and reside with their aged mother.

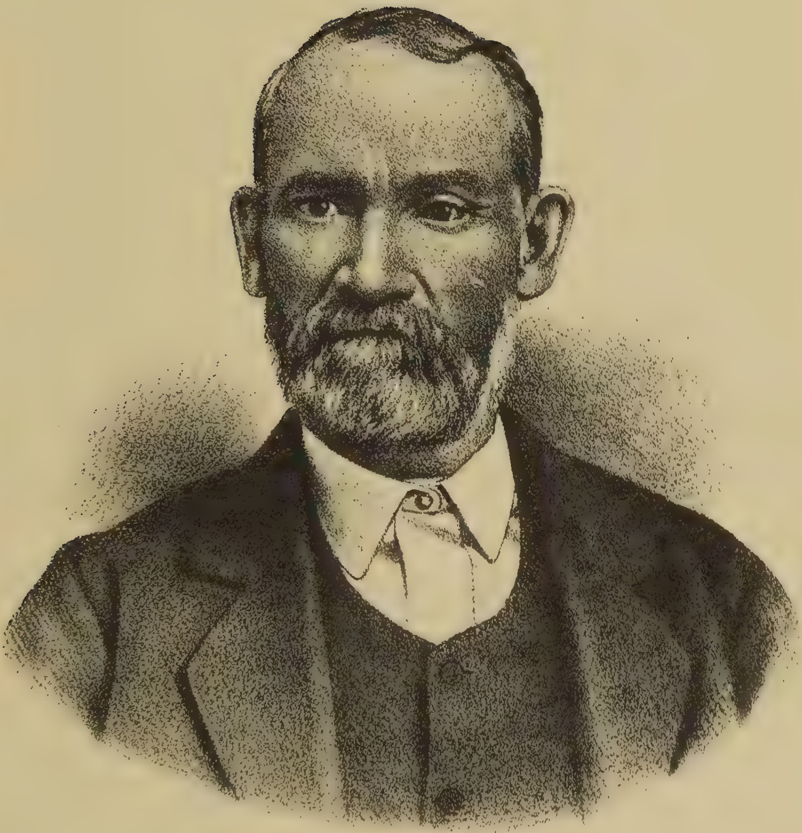
William Gladhill, a native of Virginia, settled on Mill Creek, below Newton, on land now owned by John Reyner; he married a Miss Baughan, and about 1850 removed to Illinois, where he resided till his death. Their children were as follows: Joseph, married Martha Griffin, she died, and he married Sarah Irwin, and subsequently moved to Illinois; Mordecai, married Jerusha Clark and moved West; Jeremiah, also moved to the West; there were also two daughters—one died here, and the other moved West.

Allen Rea, a native of Virginia, born December 12, 1798, emigrated with his father, Joseph Rea, and family, to Logan County, Ohio, in 1806, they locating near East Liberty, where Allen grew to manhood, and in 1821 married Maria Bishop. In 1828, he settled in this township on land now owned by James Herd, where they resided the balance of their lives. Mrs. Rea died in 1863, and he in 1870. When they located here, they commenced in the woods and cut the first tree ever taken from their land. Wolves and wild animals were all around them. Theirs was the work of the true pioneer and they were faithful in it until death. They had the following children: Susanna, married Morgan Shirk, is now a widow residing at Kenton, Ohio; George M., is deceased; John B, was twice married, first to Hannah Wickersham, and second, Mrs. Mary J. Rice, and now resides in Kansas; Mary J., married D. H. Henderson; Charlotte, married Michael Hisey, and now resides in Indiana; Deborah, is deceased; Margaret, married William Crowder; Joseph S., married Nancy Clark, and resides in Kansas; Carlisle A., married Delilah Skidmore, and resides in Kansas; Samantha, married A. W. Davis, and also resides in Kansas; Robert S., served in the late war, was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga, and died at Camp Chase from its effects; and Louisa, who married A. W. Davis, is deceased.

William Crowder, a native of Virginia, came to Champaign County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Broader. In 1859, he settled in Union County, Liberty Township, cleared a farm in the midst of the forest, and here spent his entire life. His death occurred in 1878.

Samuel Griffin, a native of Maryland, married Lucy Johnson and emigrated to Ohio and settled in Ross County, in 1812; while residing there he buried his wife. Subsequently he married Mary Plily, and in 1831 became a resident of Union County, settling on the location where Newton now stands, where he remained till his death, February 17, 1841, aged sixty-five years. He was a farmer, a reliable man and a respected citizen, and a member of the Christian Church. They had the following children: Caleb, who married Martha Plily, both deceased; Levin, married Emily Hand; she died and he married Mary Cahill; Daniel, married Amelia Burson; she died, and he married Sophrona Chamberlin, she is also deceased; he is a minister in the Christian Church, in which sphere he has labored for many years; Charlotte, is deceased; Fanny, married John Carter, is deceased; the above were children by his first wife; by his second wife he had Leonard, who married Sarah Carter, and settled in Iowa; Andrew Jackson, married Nancy Parson; Samuel, married Rachel Wigle; Lucy, married John Hamilton, and Martha and Mary, deceased.

David Hosack, a native of Guernsey County, Ohio, of Irish descent, married Mary Gibson and settled in this township, on the north bank of Mill Creek, about 1835, and there and at his present location on the south bank of said stream has since resided, a period of forty-seven years. His father, John Hosack, and wife, Charity, settled here at the same date, and remained here till their death; he died in 1842 and she a few years later. David was the father of the following children: John, William, Nancy, James, Harrison, Mary Jane, Lafayette and Caroline. Mr. Hosack is a quiet, reserved man in his habits, a kind neighbor and good citizen. Thomas Rea, a native of Vir-



Samuel Sherwood

ginia, and a brother of Allen Rea, before mentioned, settled on the same tract of land with his brother about 1830–31. He married Nancy Carter; residing here a few years, he sold his farm to Mr. Hosack and removed into Logan County, thence to Illinois, and finally to Iowa, where he died, September, 1850. His children were as follows: Charles, Levi, Alonzo, Angeline, Rebecca, Allen and Robert, all of whom moved West, married and settled there.

Silas Burson, a native of Virginia, married Charity Bird, and became a settler here, on land now owned by J. T. Mahaffy, in 1824. After several years' residence here, he removed to Illinois, with his family, where he remained till his death. Of his children, Permelia married Daniel Griffin and subsequently he settled in Illinois, but again returned to this county and resided a few years; thence removed to Greene County, where his wife died. He died during the war, while nursing his son, who had enlisted in the army and was sick and in the hospital.

Jesse Judy, a native of Kentucky, removed to Clark County, Ohio, and about 1832 became a resident of this county, settling on Mill Creek, where he resided till his death, May 1, 1862, aged sixty-four years. His children all removed to the West.

John Raymond, a native of New Hampshire, married Sallie W. ———, and settled in Liberty Township about 1831. The post office at Newton was named in honor of him, as he was a resident of Newton, and took an active part in establishing the town, and was appointed the first Postmaster of the office. He died April 22, 1850, aged sixty-five years; his wife died December 6, 1860. Their children were Nathaniel, married Melissa Stewart; she died and he married her sister, Mrs. Lucinda Crew, and now resides in Illinois; Wallace, married Lucinda Stewart, is deceased; Robert, married Sallie A. Lockwood, and now resides in Kansas. Mr. Raymond was an active business man, a good financier and a reliable and honored citizen.

Nathaniel Norviel, a native of Vermont, settled on land in the southern part of this township about 1835–36. His children were Rufus; William, deceased; Abraham; Seth, deceased; David Stiles; Rodney, and two daughters one of whom is deceased, and the other married Mr. Sharp, of Logan County, Ohio.

Littrell Ford, a native of Virginia, came to Champaign County, Ohio, when quite young, and married Irene Smith, settling in Liberty Township about 1829, where he resided till his death, about 1879. They had the following children: Archibald; Daniel, who served through the war; William and Lucinda, besides two or three deceased.

George Baxley, born in Virginia June 6, 1801, married Martha Ann Griffith, July 4, 1826. They settled in Union County, on Boke's Creek, about 1840, and about 1843 traded the farm there for a grist mill on Mill Creek. This mill was run for more than twenty years, after which he farmed some and served as Postmaster for a time, and also was in the drug business at Newton. Mr. Baxley died January 20, 1877. He was twice married; his first wife died May 19, 1861. He married for his second wife Mrs. Dillon, who still survives him. Mr. Baxley has immortalized himself by leaving behind him a diary, commencing in 1847, and continuing for nearly thirty years, containing the "passing events" of his family and the neighborhood generally. So thorough was his record, that when any neighbor desired to know the date of any event of the past or any particular information upon incidents of the neighborhood, he would refer to Mr. Baxley, who, upon examination of his record, could generally give the desired information. Even the extremes of temperature, and marriages, births and deaths, were all recorded; excessive droughts, or excessive floods were all noted with correctness and percision. He was a peculiar man, exhibiting many eccentricities, yet, withal, a respected citizen and neighbor.

Nathaniel Stewart, a native of Saratoga County, N. Y., emigrated with his family to Ohio and settled in Liberty Township, west of Newton, in the spring of 1836. They both remained residents of this neighborhood till their death, and were most worthy and devoted Christian people. They were both constituent members of the Christian Union Church, located in Taylor Township, between Newton and Marysville, and remained consistent members till their death. Mr. Stewart died October 12, 1872; his wife August 20, 1859.

Charles M. Brooks came from Clark County, Ohio, and settled in Union County, with his step-father, in 1833. He married Susannah F. Bennett in 1827. They remained residents of Liberty Township many years, but finally removed to North Lewisburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

George Holloway settled in Liberty Township in 1846, and here opened out a home from the native forest.

Solomon Cook settled here in 1846, and became an influential and respected citizen. He died April 8, 1879.

Charles Smith, settled in this township in 1835, and remained a respected citizen till his death, October 18, 1859, aged seventy-one years.

George Hemminger settled quite early in the southern portion of this township, and was a prominent and useful citizen. He and his wife, Susan, were among the organizers of the Otterbein United Brethren Church. Mr. Hemminger died January 29, 1874, aged seventy-six years.

John Burson, settled here about 1833; he died October 22, 1880, aged seventy-six years.

David Danforth settled about 1840, and died May 12, 1876, aged eighty-seven years.

Sewell G. Hartshorn became a settler about 1836; was from the State of New York; he died September 18, 1874, aged seventy-five years.

Aaron Wheeler settled about 1836; died June 30, 1846, aged sixty-five years.

Timothy Hutchinson located here about 1838; died November 12, 1869, aged eighty-five years.

Peter Danforth settled about 1840; died January 12, 1843, aged eighty-two years.

David Paul settled here about 1838; died March 21, 1861, aged seventy-one years.

James Orahood became a resident here about 1835; died May 15, 1857, aged sixty-four years.

The above is a record of most of the early settlers of Liberty Township. There are possibly a few names that have escaped our observation; if so, it has not been intentional on the part of the writer, but because he failed to get any knowledge of them, from the limited resources now left. Many names of residents of the township, especially of later dates, will be found in the list of officials of the township, in the history of churches, and especially in the biographical department of this work for Liberty Township.

We will now give a few facts, incidents and events culled from the diary before mentioned, of George Baxley. May 7, 1849, David Paul's child was drowned in a cistern. Early in the year 1851, there was considerable agitation about building a railroad from Columbus to Bellefontaine. Mr. Baxley says it was surveyed through his farm, but predicted it would die a natural death, and thought it would be much better to build a good gravel road.

On Sunday, November 30, 1851, Barnet Bennett's only child was strangled to death by a kernel of meat from a hickory nut getting into the air-passages to the lungs.

Spiritualism.—January 14, 1852, spiritualism in full play; Mr. Baxley witnessed knockings at the home of Mr. Titus—David Rowland, the medium. On the 17th instant, he says, "people turned nearly crazy about mysterious rappings, which are all the go." On the 24th he says, "mysterious knockings still continue around these diggings. Some believe the devil is unloosed, and some believe that it is the spirits of the departed returned; whilst others believe it is animal magnetism of some kind. But all is yet dark! dark! no one as yet having found out the secret, or in my opinion, ever will." "February 10, mysterious rappings all the go—the devil raised, etc." "February 18, mysterious rappings nearly every night; calling for the spirits of departed friends—Old Elisha White, Sampson, and Old Nick, himself—who they pretend comes at their bidding, and who has great aversion to the Bible, Testament and Hymn-book—knocking them away, off of the stand and table, while he molests no other book whatever."

Extremes of Heat and Cold.—"January 20, 1852, thermometer 20° below zero." "June 5, 1852, heavy frost; over-coat and sitting by the fire feel comfortable; thermometer, 44° above zero at sunrise; beans, cucumbers, pumpkins and other tender vegetables killed by frost last night." "February 4, 1856, thermometer 14° below zero." "May 31, 1856, heavy frost." "June 5, 1859, heavy freeze, thermometer 28° above zero; ice one-eighth inch thick; crops cut down." "June 4, 1860, ground covered white with hail; duration of hail storm, ten minutes; four panes of glass broken in my dwelling house, and four in the mill; the course of storm from northwest; sixty-two panes of glass broken in Methodist Church." "January 1, 1864, thermometer 10° below zero." "May 2, 1864, snow two inches deep." "June 12, also 13, heavy frost." "February 5, 1866, thermometer 10° below zero." "February 3, 1868, thermometer 10° below zero." "April 10, 1868, snow five inches deep." "August 18, 1869, thermometer 118° above zero."

Great Freshets.—"January 1, 1847; another on April 14, 1859; and a still greater one on April 10, 1860, doing great damage; destroying property all along Mill Creek." "March 31, 1865, great freshet; highest water known since 1837."

Sickly Season.—"August, 1863, very sickly, flux, diarrhoea and fevers; almost every family more or less afflicted, and many deaths."

Great Temperance Crusade.—"On Christmas, 1865, twenty or more ladies entered a saloon kept in Newton and destroyed all liquors, decanters, glasses, etc. Subsequently the said ladies were arrested for riot; also twenty indictments were found against the saloon keeper; he was fined and jailed, and at last completely prostrated, financially, and unable to continue prosecution against the said ladies; but at this juncture, the wholesale liquor dealer, from whom he purchased his liquor, and for which he was indebted, came to the rescue and took up the prosecution against the ladies. Subsequently the ladies in the case, and numerous citizens, raised money by subscription, and paid the damages to property, and thus settled the suit."

Pioneer.—"Jacob Orahood settled here in Liberty Township in 1823, and resided here thirty years on Mill Creek, moving away in April, 1850."

GRIST MILLS, SAW MILLS, ETC.

The first mill erected in Liberty Township was built about 1831–32, by Samuel Orahood. This was a grist mill run by water power, situated on Mill Creek, about one and one-fourth miles above where Newton now stands, on the Israel Lockwood farm. It was a small but good frame mill. Mr. Orahood operated the mill two or three years, when he was succeeded by G. Smith, who, while owner of the mill, attached a saw-mill. In the spring of

1843, George W. Baxley became owner of the property and continued to run these mills until 1856, when he rebuilt the grist-mill and ceased to run the saw-mill. This mill Mr. Baxley kept in repair and continued to run for more than twenty-five years. It was very expensive to keep up the dam and have everything in repair, from the fact that Mill Creek was subject to so many freshets, washing out the dam, and it cost many dollars to repair it; this occurred frequently. Soon after the war, Mr. Baxley having poor health and the mill becoming old and dilapidated, he abandoned it, and it has never been repaired or run since.

Clements' Saw-Mill.—About 1833, Ransom Clements erected a water-power saw mill on Mill Creek. This was probably the first saw-mill in the township, and was run about eight or ten years, when it ceased to be used; the saw mill above mentioned, attached to the grist mill, having supplanted it. About 1847, Ransom Clements commenced the erection of a saw mill, about one mile north of Newton, on the York Center road, but before the mill was completed Mr. Clements was succeeded by Walter and T. E. Lockwood, who finished the mill and ran it for a few months, when it was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt by Walter and Frederick Lockwood and operated by them till 1854–55; they were succeeded by Wheeler & Phelps. After a few months, Milton Colver became owner of the mill, but a few years later it was again destroyed by fire. Mr. Colver then sold the property to David Wood, who began preparations to rebuild it, but finally relinquished the project, and thus closed the history of this mill.

The Thomas Grist Mill.—About 1845–46, Mr. A. Thomas erected a grist-mill on Mill Creek about three and one-half miles above Newton. This mill was run by water power about ten or twelve years and went out of use.

Peoria Saw-Mill—Was first erected and run by a Mr. Feltner; he was succeeded by Barnet Bennett.

Tannery.—About 1849, T. L. and Daniel Wiswell built a tannery about one mile north of Newton, near the Clements saw mill. They carried on business nearly two years, when Daniel retired and the tannery was continued in operation by T. L. Wiswell till 1861, when he was succeeded by G. J. Hill. In 1865, the tannery passed into the ownership of E. & F. G. Lockwood, who continued business till 1870, when the tanning business was discontinued, having been run over twenty years.

SCHOOLS.

In 1824 was erected the first schoolhouse in Liberty Township. This was a round-log cabin situated on the lower corner of what is now the Baughan Cemetery. But prior to this, school was held in an old unoccupied house on Israel Carter's farm. The first teacher was William Edgar; the next, Thomas Lapham. The above-mentioned schoolhouse was succeeded by a hewed-log house, which was built on the site of Dague & Wilson's store; and the first teacher here was Thomas Cheney. The next was a frame house erected on the lot where Mrs. Angeline Lockwood now resides; this was succeeded by a frame house built on the site of the present house. In 1880, the present large two-story frame house was erected, with two rooms and two teachers employed. Thus from the primitive log schoolhouse has succeeded four different structures, each being a little better and more comfortable than its predecessor, until the present one is large and commodious and exhibits the interest taken by the people in the education of their children. A similar degree of progress is seen in the several neighborhoods and school districts throughout the township; from the rough log cabin, they have successively risen to good, comfortable frame or brick houses; and instead of benches and slab seats they now have the most approved furniture, constructed so as to give comfort and to comport to the health of the children who are there to be educated and qualified for the responsible duties of life. The township is now divided into ten subdistricts, with the following enumeration of scholars: Subdistrict No. 1, males, 29; females, 22; total, 51. Subdistrict No. 2, males, 23; females, 21; total, 44. Subdistrict No. 3, males, 31; females, 29; total 60. Subdistrict No. 4, males, 17; females,13; total,30. Subdistrict No. 5, males, 13; females, 17; total, 30. Subdistrict No. 6, males, 49; females, 28; total, 77. Subdistrict No. 7, males, 35; females, 21; total, 56. Subdistrict No. 8, males, 13; females, 11; total, 24. Subdistrict No. 9, males, 33; females, 24; total, 57. Subdistrict No. 10, males, 18; females, 14; total, 32. Total males, 261; females, 200; grand total, 461.

Board of Education.—District No. 1, James Thomas; No. 2, James Herd, President of the Board; No. 3, B. R. Sudduth; No. 4, J. E. Southard; No. 5, David Skidmore; No. 6, E. U. Argo; No. 7, Z. McElroy; No. 8, R. W. Bault; No. 9, M. W. Judy; No. 10, William Fry.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 1882.

Balance on hand September 1, 1881	$1,279 57
State tax	667 50
Irreducible school funds	43 50
Township tax for school and schoolhouse purposes	2,365 03
Amount received from sale of bonds	580 92
Library books	4 52
Total receipts	$4,941 04

EXPENDITURES.

Whole amount paid teachers in common schools	$2,696 00
Amount paid out for sites and buildings	1,018 00
Amount paid for fuel and other contingent expenses	800 14
Total expenditures	$4,514 14
Balance on hand September 1, 1882	$426 90
Number of sub school districts	10
Number of rooms	11
Number of teachers employed	11
Average wages of teachers, male	$41
Average wages of teachers, female	$27
Average number of weeks the schools were in session	28

CHURCHES.

Methodist Episcopal Church at Newton.—This was evidently the first organized religious body in Liberty Township. In 1819, it is believed, Elder J. B. Finley organized a class at the house of Israel Carter, consisting of the following persons: Israel Carter and wife Agnes. Levi Carter and wife Betsey, and Mrs. Polly Carter. They occasionally met as a class, and at times had preaching at the private houses; but there were so few of them, and the roads in such bad condition, that it was difficult to meet together, and the organization was abandoned. About 1826, Rev. Simms visited the neighborhood and organized a class, in the schoolhouse, consisting of the above-mentioned members of the former class, together with the following persons: Adam Shirk and wife Anna, Mrs. Kiger, Israel Lockwood and wife Angeline, with some children of these families; also Polly Orahood, Jemima Carter and perhaps a few others. They held meetings at private houses and at the schoolhouse till about 1833, at which date they erected a hewed-log house for church purposes, which served the people until about 1859, when the present frame house was erected. At the raising of the frame for this church, David Wood had a foot badly crushed by a falling timber, which crippled him severely. The church was dedicated September 30, 1859, by Elder H. E. Pilcher, and regular services have been held here since. Among the pastors who have administered to the spiritual wants of this people since its organization were Revs. Jones, Pryor, J. A. Brown, George Walker, Oliver Burgess, T. Herbert, J. S. DeKalb, Ford, Good, Joshua Longfellow, Webster, Joseph Wilkes, Richard Lawrence, William Taylor, J. A. Wright, Dwight Cook, J. S. DeLiel, T. J. Mathews, James F. Mounts, H. J. Bigley, Samuel Boggs, John Bower, Taylor Jagger, Samuel Roberts, Shultz, Frank Oulds, Philip Wareham (one of the early ministers), Daniel Carter and William G. Littell; the latter is the present officiating minister. Class Leaders have been Charles Smith, who served twenty years, Charles Smith, Jr., Benjamin Glassco, Homer Woodward, R. P. Amrine and Isaac McElroy, with Benjamin Glassco and R. P. Amrine as the present class leaders. Present membership is about thirty-nine. A good Sabbath school has been maintained for many years. The average attendance is probably about forty-five, with R. P. Amrine as Superintendent.

Free-Will Baptist Church at Newton.—Is the next oldest church. It was organized March 28, 1826, by Elder David Dudley, at the house of James Herd, consisting of five persons, as follows: James Herd, Levi Carter, John Sharp, Jeremiah Moore and Israel Carter, who received the right hand of fellowship. James Herd was chosen Clerk. The monthly meetings were held for some time, alternately, at the house of Brother L. Garwood, and at East Liberty, until Brother Skidmore came into the vicinity, when they were held at his house, and then alternated between the three places. On November 1, 1834, the church met at Liberty for monthly meetings, at which time Levi Garwood and James Herd were appointed Deacons in the church. At a meeting of their church, October 1, 1836, at the schoolhouse in Brother Garwood's settlement, Brother Isaac Dotson was received into the church and at the same time they moved that a request be sent to the next Quarterly Meeting to license Brother Dotson to "improve his gift wherever God in his providence might cast his lot." Also at same time moved that Brethren L. Garwood and James Herd be ordained Deacons in this church. At a meeting at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day the said Brethren were set apart to the office of Deacons, by the laying on of hands by Elders Mead and Dudley. Also on the same day Brother John Monroe was chosen as Clerk. At a meeting of the church, December 16, 1837, at the schoolhouse in Liberty Township, after due deliberation, agreed to divide the church, and that the church at East Liberty be called the First Church. At same date. James Herd was appointed Clerk. At a meeting in November. 1841, Levin Griffin was appointed Clerk; and moved that the subscription of $15.50 for "Home Missions" be collected and paid to Elder Mead. On January 22. 1842, Elder Mead was appointed pastor of the church. December 24, 1842, Elder Harvey was appointed pastor for one year. On the fourth Saturday in July of the same year, Ara Gleason was appointed Deacon in the church. On the fourth Saturday of January, 1844, Elder Erastus Harvey was again chosen pastor for one year; and again. September 14. 1845. he was appointed for one year. In December, 1845, was held a series of meetings. during which quite a revival occurred, and on the 22d of said month Elder George Baker baptized eleven persons. On the 30th instant. Elder David Dudley baptized six persons, and at a meeting on the fourth Saturday of said month twelve persons united with the church at Newton. On the fourth Saturday of July, 1846, Brothers Ara Gleason and William Simmons were chosen Deacons in the church. December 31, 1846, Elder David Dudley was chosen pastor for the year 1847; again in January, 1848, he was chosen pastor for that year; he also served for the year 1849. In 1850, he moved away. April 3, 1852, Elder Higgins was chosen pastor for one year. Again in April, 1853, he was chosen for another year; and also served in 1854 and 1855. In 1856, Elder Colyer was employed as pastor, and continued as such till 1866. B. F. Zell became pastor in 1867, and remained till 1877 inclusive. He was succeeded by Elder Abraham H. Whitaker in the summer of 1878, and remained for four years. His services ended in the fall of 1882, since when the church has had no regular pastor. In 1852–58, this church and the Christian Church united their efforts and commenced the erection of a church building. It was several years before it was fully completed, but in the spring of 1858 the house was dedicated and has served the two societies to the present date. The present membership of the church is about twenty-two, with William Figley as Deacon. A flourishing Sunday school is conducted, averaging about seventy-five scholars, with Charles Lockwood as Superintendent, and Harry Williams, Assistant.

Disciples' Church, on Mill Creek, was organized by Rev. D. H. Hathaway, in the winter of 1838, with the following constituent members: Andrew Henderson and wife Sarah, James Henderson and wife Elizabeth, Charles Burr and wife Mary, Jonathan Bennington and wife, and daughter Margaret, Robert Ramsey and wife, John Ramsey and wife, A. H. Thompson and wife Harriet, Joseph Phifer and wife Charity, and Rev. D. H. Hathaway and wife Rachel, and probably a few others, with Andrew Henderson and Charles Burr as Elders; James Henderson and Isaiah Bay as Deacons. The organization was completed in the schoolhouse near where the church now stands. They continued to hold meetings in private houses and in the schoolhouses till about 1847, when they erected a hewed-log building about 28x24 feet for church purposes, which was duly dedicated by Rev. Jacob Reed. This house served the people till the building of the present one, in 1859, at a cost of $1,200, and the same was dedicated January 29, 1860, by Huston January, since which time they have had preaching once every month to the present, and social meetings on every Sabbath day. The following pastors have administered to this society since its organization: Revs. D. H. Hathaway, Arthur Criffield, William Dowling, Sr., John Ferguson, Jesse Ferguson, Jacob Reed, George McCaul, John Reed, Mr. Lieurance, David Mitchell, Joshua Antrim, Michael Riddle, William Pinkerton, Mr. Peterman, A. J. Clark, John Stanard, J. J. Moss, George Morse, Alonzo Skidmore, and Rev. M. C. Gallier. The present membership is about 100 with Daniel Skidmore, Lemuel Ballinger, D. H. Henderson, James Henderson and Isaac Shirk as Elders; and Thomas Garwood, D. S. Argo and George Holloway as Deacons. A good Sabbath school is held here, which was organized here twenty-five years ago or more, and has been continued through the summer seasons to the present time.

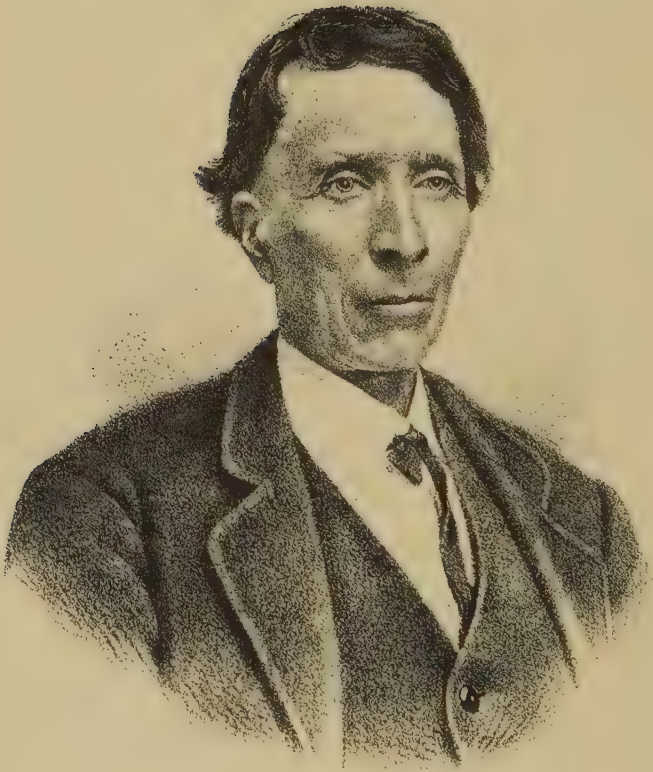
Otterbien United Brethren Church.—This church is located in the southwestern part of the township, near Flat Branch, and was organized about 1849 by Rev. F. B. Hendricks, who formed a class at the schoolhouse, consisting of the following persons: Zachariah McElroy and wife Catharine, George Hemminger and wife Susan, Thomas Clark and wife Polly, John Stokes and wife, Littrell Ford and wife Irena, and probably a few others. Services were held in the schoolhouse till about 1857, when they erected a frame house for church purposes, and the same was duly dedicated to sacred use. Services continued to be held here regularly till about 1876, when the house became so out of repair that it was no longer a suitable place in which to hold meetings, and the membership has dwindled away by death and removals, till now there are only two members, Rev. D. Zeigler and wife, and their membership is held in the Darby Church in Allen Township. For those who served as pastors of this church, see Darby Church, as services were supplied at the two places by the same ministers. The following persons served as Class Leaders: Thomas Clark, Stephen Cranston, Cyrus Fetty, A. P. Hemminger, James Carnston and Zachariah McElroy.

Christian Church at Newton.—September 30, 1850, the following persons organized themselves into a church under the appellation of "The Christian Church at Newton," taking the Bible as their only rule of faith and practice, viz.: Nathaniel Stewart, Hezekiah Stewart, Theodorus Green, Eliza Green, Jenette Robb, Jonathan Wickersham, Hannah Wickersham, Fannie Carter, Levin Griffin, Melissa Raymond, Mary Henderson, Permelia Griffin, Jacob Meyers, Catharine Myers, Abraham Stiner, William Reynolds, Mary Griffin, James Neal and Ann Wickersham. The minister who officiated on this occasion was Elder Daniel Long. Their regular church meeting to be held on the Saturday before the third Sabbath in each month at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. October 4, 1850, a meeting was held for the election of officers, at which time R. H. Hutchinson was chosen Clerk, and Nathaniel Stewart, Deacon. On the third Saturday in September, 1851, Jacob Myers was elected Clerk. Elder Beard was the minister at this meeting; also discourses were delivered by Elders Herd and Griffin, in October, Elder Wilson in December, and Elder Bowersmith, in January, Elder Long, in February, 1852; April 25, by Elder Knight, on the third Sunday in May, by Elder Robinson; and on April 10, 1858, by Elder Brina. April 11, 1858, the church building, spoken of in the history of the Free-Will Baptist Church as erected by the united efforts of the two churches, was dedicated, the following ministers present: Elder Baker (Baptist), Elder Knight (Christian), Elder Heath (Baptist) and Elder Griffin (Christian), Brother Outland (Baptist) and Elder Brina (Christian). The dedicatory sermon was preached by Elder Knight. A series of meetings was held for five days, and a large number united with the church and received the ordinance of baptism. October 9, 1858, C. A. Williams was elected Clerk. Elder Knight served as pastor in 1858. October 8, 1859, P. Manchester was elected Clerk. Elder Knight was again employed as pastor in 1859; also in 1860. April 12, 1862, Edwin Cranston was elected Clerk. June 13, 1862, L. R. Carter was elected Clerk. October 17, 1868, D. H. Harrington was elected Clerk. January 19, 1877, A. H. Lyon was elected Clerk, and also in 1878. Since the organization of the church, the following pastors have served this people: Elders Daniel Long, Josiah Knight, Daniel Griffin, C. T. Emmons, Hutchinson, William Webb, Winget, Lyons, Halverstot, and C. A. Williams. The present membership is about sixty-five; present pastor, Elder Humphreys. Deacons are J. T. Mahaffey and Charles Tobey, and the present Clerk, David Harrington.

CEMETERIES.

Baughan Cemetery was the first burial place in the township; it is located on the Marysville Pike, about midway between Newton and Peoria. It was taken off from the farm of Mordecai Baughan, for a burial ground, about 1822, and was dedicated to its use by the reception of the body of a child of William Gladhill; the second to be buried here was Mrs. Colver, wife of Charles Colver; and the third was Charles Colver. About 1868, this cemetery was enlarged by an addition from the farm of Orlando Wells, and about the same time the Township Trustees took charge of it, and have since kept it fenced and in repair.

Newton Cemetery, located a little northeast of the village of Newton, was set apart for burial purposes about 1850–51, from the farm of David Paul, and first received the bodies of Lyman Bodkin and a son of Solomon Cook,



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and has since been open for the reception of the dead. About one year ago the Township Trustees assumed superintendence of the grounds and are keeping up repairs in general. The above are the principal cemeteries of the township. South of Newton on the Clark farm is the private burial place of the Clark family; it is on the land now owned by J. W. Lockwood. Also at the Disciple Church is a private cemetery which belongs to the church; and a little further down the creek, situated on the north side of Mill Creek, is an old private cemetery; these are now but little used.

ROADS AND PIKES.

This township, like all the others in Union County, is well supplied with good gravel roads. The first to be built was the Marysville & Newton, 8¾ miles, built in 1871, at a cost of $23,673.50. The Marysville & Bellefontaine, 8½ miles, at a cost of $26,122. The Newton & Bellefontaine, 4 miles, cost 7,968.25; the last two were built in 1874. The Broadway & Newton, built in 1876, at a cost of $5,315.26; this was 2⅝ miles in length. Since the building of the above, several pikes have been constructed, and at this time others are being built, which when completed will give the township many miles of gravel roads, all the principal lines of road being transformed into good pikes or gravel roads. The township has one railroad, New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio, which was completed and the first train passed over the road in the spring of 1864. This road passes through the southwest portion of the township in a northeast and southwest course, having a station at the village of Peoria. This is a great convenience, furnishing the citizens with a good shipping point for their grain and stock.

VILLAGES.

There are two villages in the township, Newton and Peoria. The former was surveyed for David Paul and laid off into lots and streets, August 25, 1838. The lots are all five poles in front and eight poles back, excepting Lots No. 1, 18, 19, 25. Lots No. 1 and 25 are but three poles and twelve links in front, and eight poles back; Lot No. 18 is five poles in front, on Marysville street, and four poles in back; Lot No. 19 is five poles in front, on Marysville street, and six poles back: the lines of Lots No. 18 and 19 running S. 46 W.; the lines of all the other lots run N. 51 W. and N. 39 E. and their opposites. At the northwest corner of Lot No. 13 is a stone planted, and at the southwest corner of Lot No 8, both stones are on the margin of Marysville street, all of which is represented on the recorded plat. March 6, 185–, surveyed by A. F. Wilkins, for David Paul, an addition to the town of Newton, beginning at the south end of Marysville street, laying off on the west side of said street five lots, with five poles front, and eight poles back, to east lot, with an alley of one pole in width between No. 25 and No. 26, and No. 27 and No. 28, with an alley on the back two poles wide; course of the lots on Marysville street, S. 51° E., and course back S. 39° W.; amount contained in said additional lots, alleys and streets is two acres and four poles; and amount contained in each lot is one-fourth of an acre. The first house was a frame, erected by Hezekiah Davis, on the corner now owned by James Wood. John Raymond kept the first hotel. The first store was opened by Edward Inskeep, who was succeeded by Hezekiah Davis and David Harrington, located on the James Wood corner; this was about 1838, near the time of the laying-out of the town. William Boggs was the first blacksmith. First physician was Dr. Winthrop Chandler; he was succeeded by Dr. Core, then Dr. Marcus, Dr. Blair, Dr. Southard, Dr. Burkham and Dr. Stokes. The post office was established about 1842, with John Raymond as Postmaster; he was succeeded by S. W. Atkinson, Nathaniel Raymond, Anson Darrow, J. J. Wallace, Nathaniel Raymond, G. W. Baxley, P. A. Graves, J. W. McElroy, W. M. Milligan, R. P. Amrine, W. M. Milligan and G. T. Lockwood, the present incumbent.

Present Business.--Two general stores, Dague & Wilson and C. W. Case; one drug store, by Dr. Wright; one hotel, by E. Wells; two blacksmith and wagon shops, by Ham & Quinn and Moffitt & Hinton; one photograph gallery and furniture store, by S. U. Argo; one boot and shoe shop, by D. K. Anthony; one harness shop, by E. Lockwood; two physicians, Dr. J. Q. Southard and Dr. J. Wright; one two-story frame schoolhouse, with two rooms, in which are employed two teachers; and two church edifices, with three denominations—Methodist Episcopal, Free-Will Baptist and Christian; the last two occupy one church building. The town contains by the last census, 175 people. It appears by the records in Marysville, that, on about the same location where Newton now stands, was surveyed and laid off into streets and alleys a town to be known as "Kingsville" as follows: "On September 26, 1834, was surveyed into lots and alleys for Samuel King a certain tract of land as described on the records at Marysville, the same to be known by the name of Kingsville, Union County, Ohio; Levi Phelps, surveyor, and the same duly acknowledged on October 4, 1834, before Samuel B. Johnson, Justice of the Peace." Recorded October 24, 1834. But we gain no further information concerning this town, and the probability is that no building occurred and that four years later Newton was laid out and superseded it.

Peoria.—"I hereby certify that on the 20th day of May, 1870, I made a survey of the town of Peoria in the township of Liberty, and in the county of Union, for Joseph K. Richey, as described and platted upon the record at Marysville, containing, exclusive of the railroad land, 9¾ acres.

"B. A. FAY, *Surveyor.*"

The same being duly executed and acknowledged before W. M. Robinson, a Justice of the Peace.

Addition.—"I hereby certify that in September, 1872, I made a survey and plat of an addition to the town of Peoria, in the township of Liberty, in the county of Union, in the State of Ohio, for Robert D. Finley, as duly described and platted on the record at Marysville, F. J. Sager, Surveyor." The same being duly executed and acknowledged before George W. Baxley, a Notary Public, October 4, 1872, and recorded in October, 1872. Hiram Raney, Recorder. Robert Finley opened the first store; George Wesley was the first blacksmith; Robert Finley was appointed first Postmaster. Messrs. Woods & Richey erected a warehouse. The village now contains about seventy-five persons, with one general store, by Gosnell Brothers; one blacksmith, Samuel Sterling; one warehouse, by Rogers & Thompson; and one saw mill. The New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad passes through the town. This is the only railroad station and shipping point in the township.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Newton Lodge, No. 249, F. & A. M., was instituted October 19, 1854, with the following charter members: W. H. Robb, P. Manchester, C. Winkler, Milton Colver, Nathaniel Stewart, James R. Smith, James W. Brooks, Smith Brown, T. L. Wiswell and G. W. Baxley; with officers as follows: W. H. Robb, W. M.; P. Manchester, S. W.; C. Winkler, J. W. Present membership, thirty-three. Present officers are: S. S. Drake, W. M.; E. Lockwood, S. W.; Almond Johnson, J. W.; N. G. Dillon, Treasurer; C. F. Smith, Secretary; T. A. Redding, S. D., and G. H. Reeder, J. D.

OFFICIALS OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP.

We find the early records of this township are lost or destroyed; the records that are now in their possession only run back to 1863. The first election for State and county officers was held October 8, 1822; Charles Colver, Josiah Davis and James Herd were Judges; Elisha White and Israel Lockwood, Clerks. The number of votes polled at this election was ten, resulting as follows: Jeremiah Morrow, 10 for Governor; Joseph Vance, 10 for Representative in Congress; Henry Brown, 10 for Senator; Nicholas Hathaway, 10 for Representative in State Legislature; Nathaniel Kazer, 5, Harvey Hovey, 3, and John Reed, 2, for Sheriff; James Comer, 7, for Coroner; Anson Howard, 7, and Henry Sager, 1, for Commissioner; Clark Proven, 7, and Alexander Robinson, 1, for Auditor. In 1880, the township polled 372 votes.

TRUSTEES.

1863, L. S. Norviell, C. M. Brooks and T. E. Brown; 1864, J. H. Thomas, Thomas E. Bowen and C M. Brooks; 1865, D. H. Henderson, John Hartshorn and T. E. Brown; 1866, James Cranston, Israel Carter and George Halloway; 1867, James Cranston, Stephen Shirk and George Holloway; 1868, D. H. Henderson, Stephen Shirk and A. P. Hemminger; 1869, D. H. Henderson, James Cranston and Stephen Shirk; 1870, Stephen Shirk, Charles Tobey and R. W. Bault; 1871, Charles Toby, James T. Mahaffey and R. W. Bault; 1872, R. W. Bault, D. H. Henderson and John Hartshorn; 1873, E. Lockwood, Stephen Shirk and James Herd; 1874, James Herd, Erastus Lockwood; 1875, D. H. Henderson, N. G. Dillon and John Hartshorn; 1876, D. H. Henderson, N. G. Dillon and J. J. Miller; 1877, A. H. Dean, D. K. Anthony and James Herd; 1878, A. H. Dean, D. K. Anthony and E. Tallman; 1879, W. Milligan, D. H. Henderson and Alexander Gibson; 1880–81, W. Milligan, George Holloway and J. R. Hubbard; 1882, John Reyner, N. G. Dillon and J. E. Southard.

CLERKS.

1863–73, A. A. Hutchinson; 1874, L. F. Strickland; 1875, A. A. Hutchinson; 1876, George W. Baxley; 1877, J. C. Lockwood; 1878, D. H. Thomas; 1879–80, J. H. Lockwood; 1881–82, H. Dague.

TREASURERS.

1863–64, Josiah Knight; 1865–66, S. M. Hewett; 1867, T. L. Wiswell; 1868–70, James T. Mahaffey; 1871, James Henderson; 1872, James T. Mahaffey; 1873–82, Stephen Cranston.

CONSTABLES.

1863, Job Dillon and A. Lockwood; 1864, Job Dillon and Abisha Warner; 1865–66, A. Warner and Levin Griffin; 1867, A. Warner and C. F. Sparks; 1868–69, A. Warner and Levin Griffin; 1870, A. Warner and Job Dillon; 1871, A. Warner and E. Hammond; 1872, N. G. Dillon and A. J. Griffin; 1873, John Reid and Irwin Turner; 1874, Levi Hill and Irwin Turner; 1875, A. E. Myers and L. Griffin; 1876, A. E. Myers and and A. Phelps; 1877, A. E. Myers and W. P. Miller; 1878, A. E. Myers and John Dasher; 1879, L. McElroy and D. A. Lockwood; 1880, N. G. Dillon and D. A. Lockwood; 1881, L. McElroy and J. E. McElrony; 1882, L. McElroy and John Darling.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

1823–38, William Gladhill; 1838–53, Joshua Judy; 1838, James Herd; 1841–47, E. W. Inskeep; 1842–48, David Danforth; 1846, William Norviell;

1847–53, Miles H. Wadham; 1849–70, David Norviell; 1852, F. E. Henderson; 1853, Samuel Turner; 1853, Bonnet Bennett; 1854, R. L. Judy; 1856–62, William M. Baughan; 1857, Samuel Turner; 1860–69, T. L. Wiswell; 1867, T. E. Bowen; 1868, S. W. Atkinson; 1868, A. P. Hemminger; 1871–73, James Herd; 1871–74, James T. Mahaffey; 1877, S. W. Atkinson; 1880, John Lyon.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

ISAAC CONNOR (deceased) was born in North of Ireland June 24, 1823. He was a son of John and Mary Connor, who were also natives of Ireland. In 1850, he came to the United States and spent three years in New York City; then came to Licking County, Ohio, where he resided till 1863, at which time he came to Liberty Township and bought a farm of 104 acres. April 25, 1863, he was married to Miss Mary, daughter of David and Sarah (Lloyd) Price, who were natives of Wales, and came across the water in 1842, settling in Licking County. Mrs. Connor was born in Montgomeryshire, Wales, July 6, 1838. One son was born to this union—John E., born March 6, 1864. Mr. Connor died November 28, 1870. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and a man of honor and uprightness. Mrs. Connor has but one sister—Sarah, wife of Joseph P. Evans. Her only brother, Richard Price, died in Licking County in February, 1871.

SOLOMON COOK (deceased). The subject of this memoir was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, February 22, 1813. His father, Michael Cook, was a native of Virginia, and removed to Columbiana County prior to the war of 1812. Mr. Cook was reared to manhood in his native place. In 1846, he came to Liberty Township and purchased 100 acres of woodland. He cleared and well improved the farm before his death, and was a successful agriculturist. He was the first man to introduce Spanish merino sheep in the county, and was successfully engaged in their culture till his death. He was one of the leading fine sheep men of the county. In 1839, he was married to Miss Anna, daughter of Morgan Wellington, who bore him seven children—Uriah and Malinda J., wife of C. P. Morse; Margaret, Perry, Osborn, Martin and Wellington are deceased. Margaret was the wife of George Henry, and Perry married Eliza Caby. Mrs. Cook departed this life in November, 1864, and October —, 1865, Mr. Cook was married to Mrs. Catharine M. Forry, widow of Abram Forry. They had three children by this union—Ellsworth, Myrtie M. and Ida B. Mr. Cook died April 8, 1879, after a life of uprightness and usefulness. Uriah Cook was reared on the old homestead. September 26, 1867, he was married to Martha M., daughter of Charles and Mary J. Tobey, by whom he had three children—Archie T., Fred. W. and Harry S. Mrs. Cook was born in Liberty Township, June 20, 1849. Mr. Cook removed to his present location in 1876, and here followed farming and stock-raising. He is engaged in keeping thoroughbred Spanish merino sheep, which he exhibited at the Ohio and Indiana State fairs. His stock won fourteen premiums at the Indiana fair. Mr. Cook owns 103½ acres of land.

STEPHEN CRANSTON, Sr., retired, P. O. Raymond, an old pioneer of Union County, was born in Providence, Rhode Island, October 1, 1793. His parents, John and Phebe A. (Edwards) Cronston, were natives of Rhode Island, and came to Champaign County, Ohio, in 1815. Mrs. Cranston died in Rhode Island in 1805, and Mr. Cranston in 1824. The subject of this sketch was married July 25, 1819, to Esther, daughter of Ezekiel and Susanna Hammond. Mrs. Cranston was born in Connecticut, January 1, 1802. Nine children were the fruits of this union; of these, they reared nine to maturity, and seven are living at the present time, viz., George A., John D., Melissa, wife of W. Gideon, James, Julius, Stephen, Jr., and Elwin. Mr. and Mrs. Cranston came to Union County when all was woods, and they were obliged to follow an unbroken path of "blazed trees." The Indians were numerous, and wild game plenty. Mr. and Mrs. Cranston are one of the oldest married couples in Union County. They trod the rough road of pioneer life together, and by industry and energy have made for themselves large and valuable property, at one time owning over 800 acres of land, which they have given their children. Mr. and Mrs. Cranston are members of the Christian Church, and honored and esteemed pioneers of the county. Stephen Cranston, Jr., was born in Champaign County May 18, 1836. He came to Union County with his parents when a boy, and was reared to manhood on the farm, receiving his education in the common schools. In June, 1866, he made a purchase of forty-two acres of his present farm. He made subsequent additions to the original purchase, till his farm now contains something over 300 acres of well-improved and highly cultivated land. Mr. Cranston was first married February 17, 1857, to Sabrina, daughter of Loin and Emily Griffin. She died December 18, 1858, and August 30, 1860, Mr. Cranston was again married, this time to Miss Jane E., daughter of Alexander and Abigail Rogers, the former a native of Somerset County, Penn., and the latter of Rutland County, Vt. Mrs. Cranston was born September 15, 1835. Three children were born to bless this marriage, viz., Emma E., born December 17, 1863; Ormel A., born March 16, 1868; and Esther M., born December 15, 1869. Mr. Cranston has been engaged as contractor on pikes for a term of years, and has aided in the construction of Newton & Marysville, Newton &

North Lewisburg and Newton & Crowder gravel roads. He pursues farming and rearing stock as his occupation. He is now serving his tenth term as Township Treasurer. Politically, he is a Republican.

WILLIAM CROWDER, farmer, P. O. Raymond, a native of Champaign County, was born March 30, 1823. His parents, John and Elizabeth Crowder, were born near Petersburg, Va. Their parents were natives of Virginia, and removed to Champaign County, Ohio, the year before the war of 1812. His father was a soldier in that war. He resided in Champaign County till 1852, at which time he removed to Van Buren County, Iowa. In 1867, he returned, and died in November, 1878. His wife died in September, 1853. William is the fourth of a family of fourteen children. He was reared on a farm till of age, when he engaged to work by the year, and employed himself in that way seven years at wages from $100 to $130 per year. In 1846, he bought 100 acres of land, for which he paid $303, and in 1851 purchased fifty acres of his present farm. He now owns eighty acres of land, besides 120 acres in Allen Township. All was in woods when he settled on it, and has cleared and improved it to its present condition. October 10, 1851, he was joined in marriage with Miss L. Herd, who bore him four children, viz., John P., William W., Phebe J., wife of Osander Parrish, and Charles C. Mrs. Crowder died October 18, 1860, and March 14, 1861, Mr. C. was married to Margaret, daughter of Allen and Maria Rea. Mrs. Crowder was born in Liberty Township May 19, 1833. Six daughters were born to this union—Debbie R., Maria E., wife of Thomas Johnson, Minnie M., Cora A., Mary M. and Lucetta. Mr. and Mrs. Crowder are members of the Disciples of Christ. Mr. Crowder owns 200 acres of land, and pursues the avocation of farming and stock-raising. Politically, he is a Republican.

R. D. FINLEY, farmer, P. O. Peoria, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., October 22, 1835. He is a son of James V. and Elizabeth Finley, natives of Westmoreland and Washington Counties, Penn. They removed to Allen Township, Union County, in 1842. The subject of this sketch is the fourth son of a family of ten children. He was reared to manhood on a farm. August 5, 1862, he volunteered his services in Company K, Ninety-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was engaged in the following battles: Chickasaw Bluffs, siege of Vicksburg, siege of Jackson, Forts Morgan, Gaines, Spanish and Blakely, and Carrion Crow Bayou, where a man on each side of him was killed. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chase, Ohio, July, 1865. In 1870, Mr. Finley engaged merchandising in Peoria, and followed it successfully till 1881, and has since turned his attention to rearing short-horned cattle. His marriage occurred January 2, 1868, with Miss Mary, daughter of Samuel and Nancy Turner. One son, James F., was born to this union. His birth occurred January 4, 1869. Mr. Finley is identified with the Masonic order, and Grand Army of the Republic. He was instrumental in establishing the post office at Peoria, and served as Postmaster eight years.

JASPER N. GOSNELL, merchant, Peoria, a native of Licking County, Ohio, was born July 26, 1843. He is a son of Abraham and Margaret (Armstrong) Gosnell, natives of Huntingdon County, Penn. They were married in Licking County, Ohio, and came to Taylor Township, Union County, in 1858. They were the parents of ten children, of whom seven are living, viz., Ruth, wife of Nathaniel Armstrong; Mary M., wife of W. A. McCarney; Jasper N., George W., Franklin D., Fletcher C. and John A. Mr. Gosnell died May 12, 1859. Jasper was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools, and Marysville Union Schools. August 6, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, Ninety-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served in the Army of the Mississippi and Gulf, and fought at Chickasaw Bluffs, Arkansas Post, siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Grand Cateau and Sabine Cross Roads, where he received a gunshot wound in his right thigh, which disabled him from all further duty. He was discharged December 12, 1864, at Camp Chase, Ohio. As a compensation for his disability sustained in the service, he gets a pension of $16 per month. In 1870, he engaged in mercantile trade in Taylor Township, and in 1880 removed his business to Peoria, where he enjoys a good trade. March 29, 1869, he was married to Amanda O., daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Hartrum, by whom he has had three children—Nettie F., Howard B. and Ottie J. Mr. Gosnell is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics is a Republican.

NELSON HARRINGTON, farmer, was born in Providence County, Rhode Island, December 28, 1802, and is a son of Anthony and Elizabeth (Rice) Harrington, of the above State. He (Anthony) was a son of John Harrington, a native of Rhode Island, and his father, Nathaniel, was born in England, and accompanied the second colony that came to this country. John served as an officer in the Revolutionary war. In 1817, the subject of this sketch came with his parents to this county. His father died in 1867, aged eighty-six years, and his mother in 1870, at the age of eighty-seven years. Our subject was married July 8, 1830, to Hannah, daughter of John and Rachel (Proctor) Kiger. Mrs. K. was a niece of Gen. Proctor, of Revolutionary fame. She died February 29, 1876; she was born April 17, 1811; three children were born to her and her husband, two of whom are living, viz., Joseph W., born May 15, 1831, and David H., born February 15, 1843. The latter enlisted May 2, 1864, in company D, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was on garrison duty till his discharge September 3, 1864. October 15, 1879, he was married to Cassie, daughter of James and Rachel Millikin, by whom he has had one child, deceased. Mrs. H. was born in Madison County, Ohio, November 8, 1846. He owns 200 acres of well-improved land; he is a member of the Christian Church. In politics, he is a Republican.

CAPT. D. H. HENDERSON, farmer, P. O. Raymond, was born in Lewis County, Ky., August 22, 1827. He is a son of James and Elizabeth (Truesdale) Henderson, who were natives of Lewis County, Ky. His father was born September 23, 1801; and his mother November 2, 1800. His grandparents were Andrew and Jane Henderson, the former a native of Maryland, and the latter of Ireland; her parents emigrated to America before the Revolutionary war. Andrew was employed as a teamster at Valley Forge, the scene of the sufferings of the American soldiers. He removed to Lewis County, Ky., in 1792, and died May 14, 1834, at the age of seventy-seven. James, the father of our subject, is the youngest of seven children. He came to Union County, and settled in Liberty Township. He purchased 160 acres of land three miles east of Newton, and resided on it till February, 1877, when he removed with his son, D. H., to Newton. He married Elizabeth Truesdale, who bore him two children—the subject of this sketch, and Abigail, who is deceased. She was born May 12, 1824, and died in May, 1854. Mrs. Henderson died September 7, 1867. The subject of this notice was reared to manhood on a farm, and educated in the common schools. August, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was elected First Lieutenant, and served in this capacity till March, 1863, when he was promoted to the rank of Captain, and assigned to Company K, of the same regiment. He was first engaged in the battle of Perryville, Ky., and afterward led his company at Chickamauga (where eight of them were killed and fifteen wounded), Chattanooga, Resaca, and in all the engagements on the Atlanta campaign. He was wounded in the left arm at Jonesboro, and, after spending a furlough at home, he joined the forces in Tennessee, and commanded a regiment in the battle of Nashville, where his command was one of the first to make the attack. The Captain was severely wounded in the elbow of his right arm, which confined him to the hospital at Nashville for some time. He served with honor and distinction, and was discharged February 17, 1865. He then returned home, and resumed farming and stock-raising, which he has since followed. October 10, 1850, he was married to Miss Mary J. Rea, a daughter of Allen and Mariah Rea. Mrs. Henderson was born in Logan County, Ohio, October 10, 1827. The Capt. and Mrs. Henderson are consistent members of the Christian Church. Capt. H. is identified with the Masonic fraternity, and in politics is of Republican principle. He served as a member of the Board of Township Trustees twenty years, and also filled various other local offices. He owns a farm of 180 acres, and for the last thirty years has devoted his attention to breeding and raising Spanish merino sheep.

THOMAS HERD, farmer, P. O. Peoria, one of the oldest pioneers of Liberty Township, was born in Harmony Township, Clark Co., Ohio, March 4, 1813. He is a son of Thomas and Dorcas (Morris) Herd. His father was a native of Berkeley County, Va. He enlisted in the Revolutionary war when fifteen years old, with four brothers—Benjamin, Stephen, Lewis and Wallace—and served till the close of that memorable war. He was at Valley Forge and Brandywine, the latter place where Wallace was killed. After the Revolution, Benjamin, Stephen and Lewis removed to Massachusetts. Thomas settled in Fayette County, Ky., and in 1812 removed to Clark County, Ohio, where he died in January, 1813, and Mrs. Herd the following year, leaving eight children, six of whom are now living—John; Mary, widow of Samuel Sparks; Lewis; Ann, wife of Levi Harkadine; Elizabeth, wife of Edward Robbins; and Thomas, the subject of this sketch. James and William are deceased. James was a private in the war of 1812. Thomas, the subject of this notice, was reared on a farm till he was fourteen years of age, when he began and served an apprenticeship at tanning in Urbana. He worked at journey-work a few months, then went to Chillicothe, thence to Marion, where he worked for Associate Judge James, subsequently a member of the Ohio Legislature. In 1818, Mr. Herd came to the county and remained till 1826. In 1833, he came to Liberty Township, and after working one year on the White farm, bought 100 acres, which was all in woods except four acres. He cleared a site, and erected a house the same year. Mr. Herd is one of the industrious, hard-toiling men of the county, and his labors have been abundantly rewarded. He entered the stage of life an orphan boy, but by energy and perseverance he accumulated 672 acres of land, most of which he cleared and improved himself. He made a division among his children, and now owns but 400 acres. October 11, 1835, he was married to Miss Lydia, daughter of James and Sarah S. Darrow, and a native of Clinton County, N. Y., where she was born December 11, 1807. Four sons and one daughter were born to them, viz., Olive C., born November 19, 1836, wife of John Reed: James D., born May 14, 1840; Hiram D., born October 11, 1842, married Minerva Glasscock; William H., born February 11, 1845, married Phebe A. Benton; and John Q., born May 4, 1849, and married Dora Barlow. Mr. Herd has always followed agriculture and rearing Spanish merino sheep, Durham cattle, French horses, and Poland-China hogs. In fine stock pursuits he has achieved a marked success. James D. Herd, the eldest son, was reared on the farm, and educated in the public schools of Marysville and Urbana. In 1871, he was elected Justice of the Peace, and has since filled that office. September 23, 1877, he was appointed a member of the Board of Examiners of the county, and still retains the position. He has been a teacher since 1859. John Q. Herd, the youngest son, was born and reared on the old homestead. He was educated in the common schools, and the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware.

When seventeen years of age, he engaged in the profession of teaching, and followed it, winters, fourteen years. October 12, 1870, he married Isadora A., daughter of Lawrence and Margaret Barlow. Mrs. Herd was born in Plain City January 28, 1853. Of eight children by this union, four sons are living—Charles S., A. Glen, Nelson and Monod.

THOMAS HERD, farmer, P. O. Peoria, was born in Clark County, Ohio, April 30, 1826. He is a son of William and Cinderilla (Munson) Herd, the former a native of Maryland, and the latter of New York. His father was born April 28, 1793, and his mother March 12, 1793. They were married in Clark County, Ohio, February 26, 1822, and in 1832 came and settled in Liberty Township, where Mr. Herd located 130 acres of land. He afterward located on 120 acres near the village of Newton. He died September 19, 1853, and his widow February 18, 1860. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are now living, viz., William W.; James ; Lue, wife of Levi Warner; Lydia D., wife of H. N. Ayers, and Thomas. Mary J. and Margaret lived to womanhood. The subject of this sketch was reared principally in Union County, and educated in the district schools. His marriage occurred June 27, 1852, with Miss Ruth, daughter of Samuel and Nancy Turner. Mrs. Herd was born in Clark County, Ohio, December 25, 1831. Their married life was blessed with ten children; of these nine are living, viz., Cassius M., married Ella E. Westlake, Charles F., Walter W., Josie, wife of J. D. White, James G., Henry W., Minnie M., Gay T. and Harry. Mary J. died aged nine years. Mr. Herd moved on this farm with his father, and has since occupied it. He owns 152 acres of land, and is engaged in agriculture and stock-raising.

JAMES HERD, farmer, P. O Raymond, a prominent farmer of Liberty Township, was born near Newton May 24, 1832. He is a son of James and Margaret (Edger) Herd, who were married in Clark County, Ohio, and removed to Liberty Township soon after the late war with Great Britain. They settled one-fourth mile east of Newton, where Mr. Herd purchased 201 acres of woodland, paying $1.25 per acre. The township was then in its primitive state, and was inhabited with Indians and wild game. Mr. Herd was an energetic, industrious man, and devoted most of his life to felling the forest and improving the land. He cleared up most of his farm, and made subsequent additions till he owned over 300 acres at his death. He was a man of more than ordinary business capacity, and was several times elected Commissioner. He served as Justice of the Peace eight years, and Township Trustee a number of terms. His political principles were originally Whig, but became an avowed Abolitionist. His death occurred in March, 1843. He was an active member of the Free-Will Baptist Church many years. His marriage with Margaret Edger was blest with nine children, two of whom are living—Richard, who was born November 15, 1829, married Miss Ellen Weigel, and now resides in Butler County, Iowa; James, the subject of this sketch, is the youngest. He was reared and brought up on the homestead, and educated in the common schools of Liberty Township. He has always resided in Liberty, except from 1865 to 1867, which time he spent at Waterloo, Iowa, in the grain business. In 1867, he returned to Union County, and located on the farm he now occupies. February 27, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Lucy, daughter of Chambers and Docey Caley. Mrs. Herd was born in England November 25, 1835. This union was blessed with twelve children, of whom ten are living, viz.: Emma A. (a teacher), William H., Ida E. (a teacher), Charles S., Fay E., Flora, Frank A., Cora B., J. Bry and an infant son. Mr. Herd owns a farm of 500 acres, and is engaged in agriculture and stock-raising, making a special pursuit in rearing Spanish merino sheep. Mr. Herd has been active in local politics. In 1878, he was a candidate for Representative on the Democratic ticket. He was Land Appraiser of Liberty Township in 1871, and member of the Board of Trustees four years.

HENRY F. JACKSON, farmer, P. O. Peoria, was born in Lincoln County, Me., January 20, 1842. His parents, William and Hannah (Melvin) Jackson, were also natives of Maine. His father was born January 12, 1812, and his mother August 28, 1807. They were married and came to Licking County, Ohio, in 1845, and, in 1850, came to Liberty Township. Henry passed his early life on the farm and received his training in the common schools. August 8, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, Ninety-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He fought at Perryville, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, and in all the engagements on the Atlanta campaign from Rossville to Atlanta, and also in all the conflicts on the march to the sea, and including Bentonville, N. C. He served with distinction, and was honorably discharged June 18, 1865, while serving as Corporal. He came home, and September 23, 1865, was married to Miss Christina, daughter of John A. and Lois R. Welch. Mrs. Jackson, a native of Licking County, was born December 21, 1845. Of the children born to this union the following are living: Owen G., born December 9, 1867; Edwin C., born February 13, 1874, and Minnie L., born May 21, 1882; Lois M., born August 26, 1866, and died August 24, 1867. Mr. Jackson moved to his farm in 1869, and has since occupied it, and been engaged in farming and stock-raising. He owns a farm of 112½ acres, besides thirty-one acres in Taylor Township. He and wife are both members of the Christian Church. In politics, he is of Republican principle.

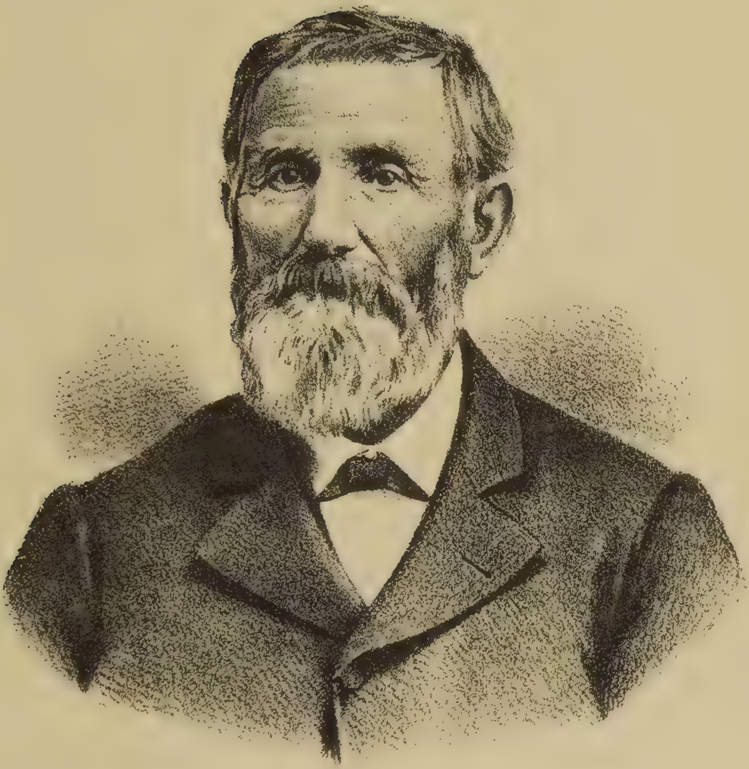
SAMUEL S. JEWELL, farmer, P. O. Peoria, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, was born June 10, 1818. He is a son of Abram J. and Abigail C. (Jones) Jewell, the former a native of New Jersey, and the latter of Pennsylvania. His father was born in 1781, and his mother October 13, 1783. They were married in Pennsylvania, and removed to Wayne County, Ohio, soon after the war of 1812. He was a soldier in the late war with Great Britain, and died leaving a widow and nine children—Catharine, Thomas, Lydia, John, Mary, Hannah, Samuel S., Sarah A. and Johnson. Mrs. Jewell removed to Knox County in 1825–26, and, in 1838, to Logan County, thence to Union, where she died November 1, 1858. She married for her second husband Tuttle Axtell, of Knox County. Samuel, the subject of this sketch, grew to his majority on a farm. In 1839, he came to Richwood and worked by the month till 1850, when he bought a small farm near the County Infirmary. In 1866, he located on the farm he now owns and occupies. He was married, December 10, 1846, to Roxana A., daughter of Josiah and Defrata (Luce) Kelsey. Mrs. Jewell was born in Champaign County February 9, 1836. Eight children were born to this union—Lydia L. (wife of T. L. Mullen), Huldah J. (wife of A. W. Turner), John, Charles, Jennie, Mary E. (wife of S. H. Rosette), George and Samuel A. In 1863, Mr. Jewell was elected County Treasurer, and re-elected in 1873. He was again chosen to that office in 1875. He served as Trustee of Paris and Liberty one year each, and filled various other local offices. He owns 186 acres of land, and is engaged in the avocation of farming and stock-raising.

BALDWIN JOHNSON, farmer, P. O. Peoria, a native of Frederick County, W. Va., was born August 9, 1810. He is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Bonard) Johnson, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Old Virginia. His paternal grandparents emigrated from England to the United States about the time of the French and Indian war. His father died in Frederick County, W. Va., about the year 1814 of the "cold plague," leaving a widow and eleven children. In 1820, Mrs. Johnson removed to Pickaway County, Ohio, where she died in October, 1847. Baldwin remained on a farm till he was sixteen, then entered the employ of Benjamin Masters, proprietor of Fitch House, Chillicothe, and continued with him seven years. He worked on the Scioto canal and on the farm four years. In the fall of 1853, he came to this township and located on the farm he now occupies, which he had purchased in 1850. The whole farm was woodland and Mr. Johnson first cleared a site for a house. His farm now contains 114 acres, which he cleared and improved himself. His marriage took place February 11, 1836, to Miss Margaret, daughter of George and Catharine Ritchey. Mrs. Johnson was born in New York City October 11, 1809. They were blest with six children, of whom four are living, viz.: William A., John, David C. and Clinton. Noble and Jesse are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been identified with the Christian Church for twenty years.

JOHN W. LOCKWOOD, farmer, P. O. Raymond, a native of Liberty Township, was born November 20, 1826. He is a son of Israel and Angeline (Culver) Lockwood, natives of Connecticut and Vermont. His grandparents on his father's side came to the county during the war of 1812. His maternal grandparents, Datur and Clara Culver, were among the early settlers of the county. John is the third son. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. When of age, he engaged working by the month for a time. He worked one summer in the woolen mills at Urbana, and has since followed farming. He was married December 18, 1850, to Mary A., daughter of David Gray. She died January 5, 1866, leaving one child—Elizabeth E., born September 8, 1857. Mr. Lockwood was again married January 10, 1867, to Sarah P., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Pierce) Walker, by whom he has had three children, viz.: Willis A., born July 21, 1869; Carl P., born January 21, 1872; and Arthur W., born July 24, 1880. Mrs. Lockwood was born in Stark County, Ohio, October 22, 1843. Mr. Lockwood owns a farm of 192 acres, and is engaged in farming and rearing stock.

REV. JOHN LYON, minister, Broadway, was born in Union County, N. J., March 17, 1818. He is a son of Amos and Charity (Harrison) Lyon, who were natives of New England. His father was born in 1775, and his mother in 1776, and both were of English origin. Mr. Lyon had two brothers who were soldiers in the war of 1812, and were imprisoned by the British in New York City. Our subject's father died in 1823, and two years later Mrs. Lyon sold the homestead and removed to Licking County, Ohio, where she died February 21. 1853. Our subject is the youngest of ten children, four of whom are living, viz.: Nancy, wife of John Wilson; Joseph B., Caleb and John. The subject of this notice grew to manhood on a farm, and was educated in Martinsburg Academy and Meadville schools of Meadville, Penn. He engaged in teaching, which he followed five years. In 1840, he entered the ministry of the Christian Church at Utica, Licking County, where he resided till 1853, and moved to Logan County. He had charge of a church at Ridgway, till April, 1867, when he went to Woodstock, remaining there till he came to Newton in April, 1868; since that date he has farmed except the years 1873–74, when he had charge of the Christian Church of Newton. Rev. Lyon has been a member of the Ohio Central Christian Conference twenty-two years; and eight years a member of the Mt. Vernon Conference, of which he was Secretary till 1854, when he resigned. March 3, 1851, he was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Achsah, daughter of Samuel H. and Nancy Rockhill, who bore him five children, viz.: Amos H.; Frances E., wife of Homer W. Woodard; Eliza A., wife of Harry Williams; and Jennie I., Ann E., died in infancy. Mr. Lyon is serving in the capacity of Justice of the Peace, and in politics is Prohibition. He owns a farm of 104 acres.

JAMES T. MAHAFFEY, farmer, P. O. Raymond, ex-member of the Board of County Commissioners, was born near Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, April 4, 1827. He is a son



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of Alexander and Nancy (McCain) Mahaffey, natives of Maryland and Harrison County, Ohio, respectively, and a grandson of Alexander, Sr., and Margaret Mahaffey, who were owners of slaves. They liberated them when they removed to Pennsylvania, and, in 1830, migrated to Richland County, Ohio, where they both died. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Mahaffey's maternal grandfather, James W. McCabe, was also a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. M.'s father removed to Knox County in 1825, and, in 1842, came to Union County. They removed to Tazewell County, Ill., in 1852. Mr. M. died in January, 1872, and his wife in November, 1868. James is the third of a family of seven children. He was reared on his father's farm, and educated in the schools of his native place. His early life was spent in clearing up his father's farm. He bought 107 acres in Jerome Township, to which he afterward added thirty acres. In 1864, he sold this farm, and, in October of the same year, came to Liberty Township, where he now owns a farm of 308 acres. He has followed farming and stock-raising successfully, devoting especial attention to keeping fine stock. February 9, 1847, he was married to Matilda, daughter of Alexander Kent, and grand-daughter of John Kent, one of the earliest settlers of Jerome Township. Mrs. Mahaffey was born in Champaign County April 11, 1827, and died August 25, 1855, leaving three children—Louisa (wife of Ed. L. Williams), Margaret A. (wife of Festus Edwards, of Reed City, Mich.), and James W., of Byhalia. Mr. Mahaffey celebrated his second marriage January 31, 1856, with Maria, daughter of Curtis and Elizabeth McCloud, and a native of Madison County, Ohio, where she was born March 8, 1827. This union was blest with five children, four of whom are now living—Nancy E. (wife of George C. Edwards, John W. (married Alice Lockwood), Alexander C. (married Olive B. Donley), and Flora M. at home. Riley, the eldest, is deceased. Mr. Mahaffey and wife are members of the Christian Church. Mr. M. is Deacon and Trustee of the church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in politics is a Republican. He was six times Treasurer of Liberty Township, and Justice of the Peace two terms. In 1878, he was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners, and served during the partial erection of the new court house.

JESSE MARIS, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield, a prominent Spanish merino sheep breeder, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, August 6, 1826. He is a son of Joseph and Ann (Wickersham) Maris, who were natives of Chester County, Penn. Mr. Maris was reared on a farm till seventeen years of age, when he learned the shoe-maker's trade, which he followed in his native county ten years. In 1846, he went to West Middleburgh, Logan County, where he continued at his trade till 1849, and came to Union County and bought 100 acres of land. March 30, 1849, Mr. Maris joined himself in marriage with Miss Rachel J. Chesher, a daughter of John and Julia Chesher. Mrs. Maris died in May, 1855, leaving three children—Joseph G., Sylvester and William P. Mr. Maris celebrated his second marriage in June, 1857, with Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley, widow of Simon Stanley, and daughter of Nathaniel and Margaret Davis. Five children were born to this marriage; of these four are living—Lydia, James D., George E. and Charles P. Mrs. Maris departed this life June 10, 1879, and April 29, 1881, Mr. M. married Miss Rebecca E. Gordon, a native of Champaign County, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth Gordon. Mrs. Maris was born in August, 1837. Mr. Maris owns a farm of 143 acres, and is engaged in farming and rearing thoroughbred Spanish merino sheep and French horses. He has about sixty head of registered sheep, and is a regular exhibitor at the Union County Fairs and Mechanicsburg Fair. He is one of the oldest fine sheep men in the county. In 1864, Mr. Maris was a member of Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment Ohio National Guards, and served his term on garrison duty.

HENRY MORSE, farmer, P. O. Raymond, a native of Windham County, Vt., born October 13, 1825. His parents, Charles P. and Sarah (Knight) Morse. were respectively natives of Worcester County, Mass., and Windham County, Vt. They were married January 16, 1821, and in 1833 emigrated to Loraine County, Ohio, and in 1836 to Ashland County. The subsequent year they came to Claibourne Township, Union Co., and located on land which forms the present site of Richwood. He bought land to the number of 300 acres in Claibourne Township. In 1841, he removed to Marysville, where he carried on a dairy till 1848, and removed to North Lewisburg, and was engaged in farming, except one year he superintended a cheese factory at Homer, till 1854, when he came to this township and purchased a farm of 333 acres. He died June 20, 1871. He was an Elder and member of the Church of Christ for thirty-five years. He was once a member of the Vermont Legislature. Henry was brought up on a farm. He taught school a number of years, and was successful in the profession. His sister, Elvira, taught thirty-three terms, mostly in this county. She married Huston January, and died January 1, 1871. When of age, Mr. Morse made a trip to Nauvoo and Carthage, Ill., but remained a short time. He returned and resumed farming, which he has since followed. March 18, 1851, he was married to Miss Martha, daughter of James and Catharine January. Mrs. Morse was born in Marysville, April 15, 1830. To them was born one child—Mary, born January 2, 1852. She married David Skidmore April 28, 1870, and has one child—Henry M. Mr. Skidmore was born in Logan County, Ohio, June 3, 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Morse are members of the Church of Christ. Mr. M. has been prominently connected with that church for forty-three years. He owns a farm of 227 acres, and is engaged in farming and stock-raising.

LEVI REA, farmer, a prominent pioneer of Liberty Township, was born in Logan County, Ohio, June 5, 1815. He is a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Dickinson) Rea, who removed from West Virginia to Logan County, Ohio, in 1808, and settled near East Liberty, subsequently removing to Jefferson Township where Mr. Rea bought 460 acres of land. The Indians and wild animals were numerous, and many were the difficulties which this pioneer encountered and passed through. Mr. Rea was twice called into service during the war of 1812. He was a poor man in his earlier life, but by his untiring energy and industry accumulated a great deal of property, and at his death in January, 1845, was one of the wealthiest men in Logan County. He left eleven children by his first and two by his last wife. Levi is the fifth child by his first wife. He was reared on the old homestead and received his education in the schools, which were held in log cabins. He was often associated with the Indian boys, and indulged with them in their hilarious amusements. In 1842, he removed to Liberty Township and purchased 100 acres of his large and well improved farm. But seven acres of this purchase had been cleared. He cleared it up from its original condition, and made additions to it till his farm now contains 500 acres of land. From his fourteenth year till of age, he had charge of his father's farm, and conducted it successfully through these years. All of Mr. Rea's present property is the fruit of his own labor and management, he having embarked in life a poor man and made all that he possesses by his own exertions. His marriage occurred February 28, 1839, with Lydia, daughter of James and Mary Newman, and a native of Sussex County, N. J., where she was born October 14, 1812. To them were born seven children, of whom two are living, viz.: David A., born July 15, 1846, married Mary J. Glascoe; and Gertrude, born October 3, 1848, wife of James O. Thomas. Mary E., William F., Ruth E., James H. and Jehiel G. are deceased. Mr. Rea and wife are members of the Church of Christ.

DAVID A. REA, farmer, P. O. Raymond, only living son of Levi and Lydia Rea, was born on the home farm in Liberty Township, July 15, 1846. He remained at home till November 24, 1863, when he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served under Gen. Sherman, and participated in the following battles: Tunnel Hill, Resaca, Rome, Kenesaw Mountain, Jonesboro, Atlanta and all the engagements on the Atlanta campaign and "march to the sea," including Savannah. He was afterward engaged at Bentonville and Goldsboro, N. C., after which he marched to Washington, D. C. He was honorably discharged July 17, 1865. He returned home and was a member of the firm of Sterling & Rea, merchants of Newton for a time, then resumed farming which he has since followed. In 1878, he took possession of the farm he now occupies. He was married November 5, 1868, to Mary J., daughter of Benjamin and Lydia Glascoe. Mrs. Rea was born in Clark County, Ohio, December 15, 1844. One daughter was born to this union—Lydia, born September 17, 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Rea are associated with the Disciples Church. Politically he is a Republican. He owns a farm of 100 acres, and is engaged in rearing short-horned cattle, Spanish merino sheep and Poland-China hogs.

DAVID REYNER, farmer, P. O. Raymond, an old pioneer of Union County, whose portrait is given in this work, was born near Philadelphia, Penn., September 4, 1803. He is a son of John and Mary Reyner, natives of Pennsylvania. His father served in the war of 1812, and died in 1819. His mother died in 1814. David is the youngest of six children. He was reared on a farm till sixteen, when he took up the wagon-maker's trade near Philadelphia, where he worked six years. In 1834, he came to Columbiana County, Ohio, and the subsequent year to Liberty Township, Union County, where he purchased a farm of seventy-five acres. Of this but ten acres had been cleared. Mr. Reyner cleared and well improved his land and made an addition till the homestead contains 108 acres. He also owns eighty-three acres in another part of the township, besides fifty-nine and one-half acres in York Township, making him in all 250 acres. In 1825, Mr. Reyner was married to Miss Eliza, daughter of Mathias and Elizabeth Mann. This union was blest with six children, four of whom are now living—John, Sarah A., wife of Isaac N. Skidmore; Theodore and Vianna. John served in the late war in defense of our country. Mrs. Reyner was born near Philadelphia, Penn., February 14, 1799, and departed this life March 15, 1879. Mr. Reyner is one of the few surviving pioneer settlers of Union County. He came within its borders when the greater part was in woods, and with his own hand aided in making many of the first improvements of his township.

WILLIAM RHOADS, farmer, P. O. Raymond, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., December 5, 1810, and is a son of Jacob and Mary M. (Yale) Rhoads of Bucks County, Penn.; his father was born December 21, 1776, and his mother November 11, 1779. They were married in their native State, and removed to Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1814, where they resided till 1840, at which time they located in Delaware County, Ohio, where both died. They were parents of eleven children, five of whom are living. He was a stone-mason by trade, and late in life followed farming and milling. Our subject was married February 28, 1833, to Margaret M., daughter of John and Mary Irwin, who born him six children, viz.: Walter W., born August 15, 1835; Orville J., born December 23, 1837, and died in Andersonville Prison, August 15, 1864; Jacob McKendree, born January 29, 1840, and died May 13, 1876; Horatio J., born January 19, 1842; Cassius Y., born June 19, 1844; and Marion F., born September 8, 1846. Walter W., Orville J., Jacob and Horatio J. were soldiers during the late war. Mr. Rhoads located in this county in 1873. He owns 121 acres of well improved land. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, to which they have belonged for forty-eight years.

DANIEL SHIRK, farmer, P. O. Peoria, eldest son of Adam and Anna (Dox) Shirk, was born in Liberty Township, August 8, 1825. He was reared on a farm and educated in the district schools. His early life was spent in helping his father clear and improve the old homestead. He had charge of the farm from 1846 to 1850, then started out for himself. In 1856, he bought fifty-six and a half acres, his present farm, which was all in woods. He cleared a place and erected a log cabin in which he lived till 1870, when he erected a frame residence. October 12, 1847, he was married to Miss Sarah D., daughter of Adam and Eve Brake. by whom he has had ten children, eight of whom are living, viz.: Samantha, wife of Franklin Turner; Julia A., wife of Franklin Walford; Matilda, wife of Joseph Donohoe; Sarah E., wife of Jesse Wigle; John W., married Dillie Jenkins; Charles W., Daniel E., and Alneta. Mary M. and Elzada are deceased. Mrs. Shirk was born in Liberty Township August 5, 1830. Mr. and Mrs. Shirk are earnest members of the Christian Church. Politically, he is a Republican.

STEPHEN SHIRK, farmer. P. O. Peoria, was born in Liberty Township October 21, 1826. He is a son of Adam and Anna (Dox) Shirk, natives of Hardy County, W. Va. His father was born October 22, 1791, and his mother August 5, 1796; they were married January 26, 1817, and in 1820 removed and settled in Fairfield County, Ohio. In 1822, they came to Union County, locating in Liberty Township, on the farm now owned by Mrs. Mary Connor, and in October, 1829, removed to Taylor Township, where he died July 29, 1876. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and during his life was an active worker in the Christian Church. Mrs. Shirk died April 25, 1859, and Mr. Shirk again married June 8, 1860, to Mrs. Charity Mann. who died September 25, 1873. Stephen is the second son and seventh child of sixteen children; he was reared on a farm and received his education in the common schools. May 2, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment Ohio National Guards, and was discharged September 5, 1864, at the expiration of term of service. He settled on his farm in 1852, first purchasing fifty-six acres, and subsequently adding thirty-two acres; he also owns forty-six acres in York Township. He has always followed farming till within the last two years, during which time has been constructing pikes. His marriage with Miss Mary, daughter of Adam and Eve Brake, occurred August 10, 1848. Mrs. Shirk was born in Liberty Township February 17, 1827, twelve children were born to this marriage; of them ten are living—Emily, wife of Benjamin Hisey; Amanda, wife of Orsamus Poling; William H.; Angelia, wife of Charles Holycross; Lewis F., Viola, Charles L., Mary E., Rhoda and Cora. Cornelius and Josiah W. are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Shirk are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Shirk has been a minister in that denomination for eighteen years. For three years he had charge of Hildreth's Chapel as pastor. He was Trustee of Liberty Township for ten years. Politically, he is a Republican.

HENRY SHIRK, farmer, P. O. Peoria, was born in Taylor Township August 22, 1828, and raised on a farm half a mile southeast of where he now resides. About 1848, he purchased his present farm of sixty acres, to which he has added eighty-five acres, and in addition he owns ninety-two acres in Liberty Township. On March 24, 1860, he married Elizabeth Myers at Newton, this county; she was born in Union County, Dover Township, August 5, 1838, and is a daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Stiner) Myers, the former a native of Licking County and the latter of Madison County. Mr. and Mrs. Shirk have had six children, viz.: Marion M., born November 20, 1860; Della, born March 3, 1862, wife of John Keckley, Josie, born July 23, 1863; Owen, born December 17, 1866; Alva, born January 31, 1870; and Homer, born October 21, 1875. Mr. Shirk is a Republican in politics. His wife is a member of Union Christian Church. His parents were Adam and Anna (Dox) Shirk, the former a native of Virginia, who died in 1876, aged over fourscore years. His wife died in 1859, aged about sixty years. They came to Ohio about 1820, and had a large family, of whom five boys and three girls survive.

ISAAC N. SKIDMORE, farmer, P. O. Raymond, son of Joseph and Rebecca (Goward) Skidmore, was born in Logan County, Ohio, August 19, 1828. He is the third child of a family of six children. He was reared to manhood in his native place, and educated in the common district schools. His early life he spent with his uncle, Jacob U. Skidmore, in clearing up the farm. December 28, 1850, he was married to Sarah A., daughter of David and Eliza Reyner. Mrs. Skidmore was born near Philadelphia, Penn., March 18, 1828. Of four children by this marriage, three are living—David M , born April 21, 1853; Edwin A., born March 9, 1857, and Edward S., born March 19, 1861; Ann E., born October 26, 1851, and died May 7, 1856. Mr. Skidmore resided in Logan County till 1854, when he removed to his farm in York Township. He cleared up his farm, which contains sixty-eight and one-half acres in York Township, and in 1879 took charge of his father-in-law's farm. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

J. Q. SOUTHARD, M. D., physician, P. O. Raymond, was born in Licking County, Ohio, November 28, 1829. He is a son of Isaiah and Elizabeth Southard, the former a native of Washington County, Penn., and the latter of Baltimore, Md. His father was born April 21, 1801, and his mother in 1807. His grandfather, Abraham Southard, was born at Bosking Ridge, Somerset County, N. J., and removed to Washington County, Penn., where he married Elizabeth Hull, a sister to Capt. Hull, who was murdered by the Indians on the Ohio River, an incident mentioned of in United States history. Mr. Southard removed to Licking County, Ohio, in 1805. James Parnell, the maternal grandfather of Dr. Southard, was born in Maryland, and married Ackline Stockdale. In 1809, he removed to Licking County. His father was born in the North of Ireland, and came to America before the Revolutionary war. Samuel L. and Henry Southard, cousins to Abraham Southard, were men prominent in political life. Henry was United States Senator a term of years. Isaiah and Elizabeth Southard were the parents of six children, five of whom are now living, viz.: James M., M. D., of Marysville; J. Q., M. D., Newton; Anna M., wife of Ulysses Hall, Newark, Ohio; Milton I., graduated from Dennison University, Granville, in 1861; read law and acted as Prosecuting Attorney of Muskingum County from 1867 to 1873; member of Congress of Thirteenth District, 1873 to 1879, and now a member of the law firm of Ewing & Southard, New York City; Frank H. graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University in 1864, and is a member of the firm of Southard & Southard, attorneys of Zanesville, and is one of the leading lawyers of the State. Dr. Southard, the subject of this sketch, was reared to manhood on a farm, and received his literary education in the common schools. When eighteen years of age, he engaged in teaching, which he followed four years. In 1851, he began reading medicine, and after pursuing his studies one and a half years, he attended the Cleveland Medical College, graduating in March, 1855. He then located at Frazeysburg, and in 1857 he came and established himself at Newton, where he has been uninterruptedly engaged in the practice of his profession ever since. Dr. Southard came to Newton with but $40 in money, but by close application to his profession, has acquired a large and successful practice. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Chapter, and is connected with the County and State Medical Associations. He owns, besides his town property in Newton, about a section of well-improved land. In November, 1861, he was married to Miss Lucinda M., daughter of Theodore and Eliza (Stuart) Green, by whom he has had five children, three of whom are living—Frank S., Homer and Harry G. Henry B. and Otto M. are deceased. Mrs. Southard's maternal grandfather, Nathaniel Stuart, was the only son of Capt. Joseph Stuart, an officer in the Revolutionary war. He was born in New York, and of Scotch ancestry. Nathaniel Stewart was born in New York December 11, 1786. He married Keziah Toby, and in 1836, with a family of twelve children, emigrated to Union County. Mr. Stewart died October 12, 1872. Mrs. Southard's father, Theodore Green, was born in New York January 26, 1797, and married Eliza Stuart, who was born June 3, 1811. Mr. Green departed this life in October, 1875.

CHAPTER VIII.

LEESBURG TOWNSHIP.

LEESBURG TOWNSHIP occupies a position in the eastern part of Union County. It is bounded on the east by Delaware County; on the north is Claibourne Township; on the west by Taylor, and on the south by Dover and Paris. Its outlines are broken, owing to the irregular manner in which the original surveys were made, whose bounds the township lines follow.

The topography of the township does not differ from that of the remainder of the county. The surface is level, and somewhat low. It is drained mainly by Boke's Creek, Blues Creek and Grassy Run. The first-mentioned stream enters the township across the northern part of the western line, and pursues a winding, easterly course, passing into Delaware County. Blue's Creek crosses the southwestern corner of the township, in a southeasterly direction. Grassy Run rises in the southern part of the township, and flows south. The highest land is along the borders of the streams, and the first settlements were formed here. Away from the streams, the land was regarded as too low and wet for cultivation, and it was believed by the first comers that many years must elapse before settlers would attempt to farm it. Since it has been cleared and drained, however, it has proved to be the best land in the township. During the last few years, tiling has been laid very extensively, and the increase in productiveness thus obtained has amply repaid the cost of drainage. The soil is clayey throughout, with a slight admixture of sand in places.

The swale lands have a surface soil of black clay, underlaid with a substratum of blue clay. Springs are not abundant, but the water found is of excellent quality, and some are strongly impregnated with minerals. A thrifty growth of timber covered the township when the first settlers came, and considerable underbrush was found. On the creek bottoms, white and black walnut grew profusely; on the uplands were beech, sugar, hickory, white oak, white ash, burr oak, red oak, red elm and other varieties; and in the swale lands black ash, hickory, maple, elm, burr oak and other types prevailed.

ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS.

Leesburg was the seventh township organized in Union County. The date of its erection was 1825. The records of the County Commissioners do not contain its exact date, nor the original boundaries, which, however, included the territory now embraced within Claibourne and Jackson Townships.

The first election was held October 11, 1825, at which there were ten voters—Robert Cotrell, Culwell Williamson, Henry Swartz, Samuel Gardner, Samuel Martin, Simon Gates, Sr., Simon Gates, Jr., Cyprian Lee, Edward Williams and Thomas Tunks. Four of these—Cotrell, Swartz, Lee and Williams--lived in what is now Claibourne Township. James Curry received the entire ten votes for Representative, and Matthias Collins ten votes for Commissioner. The vote of the township for Governor has since been as follows: 1826, Allen Trimble, 6, John Biggar, 1, Alexander Campbell, 15; 1828, Allen Trimble, 2, John W. Campbell, 19; 1830, Robert Lucas, 15, Duncan McArthur, 12; 1832, Robert Lucas, 18, Darius Lyman, 17; 1834, Robert Lucas, 9, James Finley, 31; 1836, Joseph Vance, 51, Eli Baldwin, 25; 1838, Joseph Vance, 45, Wilson Shannon, 33; 1840, Thomas Corwin, 72, Wilson Shannon, 45; 1842, Thomas Corwin, 52; Wilson Shannon, 45; 1844, Mordecai Bartley, 61, David Tod, 48; 1846, William Bebb, 60, David Tod, 40; 1848, Seabury Ford, 73, John B. Weller, 57; 1850, William Johnson, 68, Reuben Wood, 35; 1851, Samuel F. Vinton, 67, Reuben Wood, 38; 1853, Nelson Barrere, 93, William Medill, 60, Samuel Lewis, 3; 1855, Salmon P. Chase, 60, William Medill, 55, Allen Trimble, 15; 1857, Salmon P. Chase, 50, Henry P. Payne, 63, P. Van Trump, 27; 1859, William Duncan, 56, Rufus P. Ranney, 76.; 1861, David Tod, 133, H. J. Jewett, 74; 1863, John Brough, 154, C. L. Vallandigham, 118; 1865, J. D. Cox, 132, George W. Morgan, 100; 1867, R. B. Hayes, 133, Allen G. Thurman, 128; 1869, R. B. Hayes, 128, George H. Pendleton, 113; 1871, E. F. Noyes, 123, George W. McCook, 103, G. L. Stewart, 1; 1873, E. F. Noyes, 112, William Allen, 102, G. T. Stewart, 7, J. C. Collins, 1; 1875, William Allen, 130, R. B. Hayes, 162; 1877, William H. West, 166, R. M. Bishop, 128; 1879, Charles Foster, 193, Thomas Ewing, 154, G. T. Stewart, 6, A. Sanders Piatt, 5; 1881, Charles Foster, 184, John W. Bookwalter, 121, A. R. Ludlow, 13.

The following is a list of the Township Magistrates, with dates of election: Simon Gates, 1825; Cyprian Lee, 1825; Henry Swartz, 1827; David Gallant, 1828; David Gallant, 1831; William Gladhill, 1835; John Gamble, 1837; Abijah Gandy, 1838; Abijah Gandy, 1841; Alexander McAlister, 1843; Abijah Gandy, 1844; Alexander McAlister, 1846; Abijah Gandy, 1847; John Bonnett, 1849; Abijah Gandy, 1850; John Bonnett, 1852; J. O. Jewett, 1853; Othneil Jewett, 1855; William Foster, 1856; Othneil Jewett, 1858; William Foster, 1859; Moses Thompson, 1861; John Maskell, 1862; Othneil Jewett, 1864; Allen Hickock, 1865; Othneil Jewett, 1867; L. B. White, 1868; Othneil Jewett, 1870; L. B. White, 1871; Othneil Jewett, 1873; Henry Highbargain, 1874; J. R. Taylor, 1876; Henry Highbargain, 1877; J. R. Taylor,

1879; Henry Highbargain, 1880; O. B. Martin, 1882. Samuel Lafferty was also an early Justice, but his name does not appear on the county record of oaths administered, from which the above list is taken.

SURVEYS.

The following are the original proprietors of the surveys, comprised within what is now Leesburg Township, with the dates of survey and surveyors: William Semple, No. 803, 1,000 acres, located in the central-western part of the township, surveyed November 17, 1809, by Duncan McArthur; Francis Smith, No. 1,139, 750 acres, located in the northwestern corner of the township, surveyed November 25, 1808, by Duncan McArthur; Falvery Frazier, the representative of William Frazier, deceased, Nos. 3,692 and 3,693, 1,000 acres each, on Boke's Creek, northwestern part of township, surveyed September 16, 1799, by Lucas Sullivant; Thomas Frazier, heir to Falvery Frazier, Nos. 3,694 and 3,696, a corner of the latter in Delaware County, 1,000 acres each, on Boke's Creek, in eastern part of township, surveyed September 16 and 17, 1799, by Lucas Sullivant; Andrew Meade, assignee, No. 5,506, 1,796 acres, in southwestern corner of township, surveyed November 8, 1807, by James Galloway; Robert Means, assignee, No. 5586, 1,000 acres, northern part of township, surveyed November 25, 1807, by James Galloway; Thomas M. Bailey, assignee, No. 5,613, 1,000 acres, on Blue's Creek, southwestern part of township, surveyed January 10, 1808, by James Galloway; Robert Means, assignee, Nos. 5,630 and 6,510, 900 acres, in western part of township, surveyed November 11, 1811, by Duncan McArthur; William B. Bunting's representatives, No. 5,870, 1,000 acres in southern part of township, surveyed June 2, 1808, by James Galloway; Benjamin W. Ladd, No. 6,010, 711 acres, in southwestern part of township, surveyed October 10, 1808, by James Galloway; Edward Dromgoole, assignee, No. 6,031, 1,500 acres, partly in Delaware County, surveyed October 10, 1808, by James Galloway; John Baird, assignee, No. 6,033, 1,000 acres, in northern part of township, surveyed April 14, 1809, by James Galloway; John Baird, assignee, No. 6,199, 400 acres, corner in Delaware County, surveyed April 14, 1809, by James Galloway; James Barnett, assignee, No. 6,211, 840 acres, in northeast corner of township, surveyed by James Galloway, March 29, 1810; Samuel Hyde Saunders, No. 13,066, 100 acres, in northern part of township, surveyed February 5, 1830, by Cadwallader Wallace; Frances T. Short, widow of Wiley Short, deceased, and Martha P. Williams, wife of William Williams, the two daughters and heirs of Capt. Cuthbert Harrison, Nos. 13,592 and 15,941, 666⅔ acres, in southeastern part of township, surveyed October 18, 1834, by Cadwallader Wallace. Besides the above, there are, in the northeastern part of the township, small fractions of the following four surveys, which lie mostly in Delaware County: Joseph Taggert and others, Nos. 6,540 and 6,889, 418 acres, surveyed by John Kerr, October 20, 1810; H. Bedinger, No. 1,931, 800 acres, surveyed by John Kerr, November 6, 1809; Cadwallader Wallace, No. 15,056, 83 acres, surveyed by Cadwallader Wallace, December 26, 1847; John Barrell, No. 3,402, 500 acres, surveyed November 24, 1807, by James Galloway. As will be seen from the foregoing, the greater part of the township was surveyed from 1807 to 1810. Only the four Frazier surveys, including all the land in the township that lies on Boke's Creek, were surveyed prior to this time; and they were surveyed in 1799. A majority of the surveys that lie wholly in the township are of 1,000 acres each, and the average size reaches almost that amount. The division lines between Leesburg and the bordering townships in Union County, do not cross any surveys. The actual amount of land within a survey often exceeds considerably the area for which it was surveyed.

TAX VALUATIONS.

In 1825, the personal property, returned in Leesburg Township, consisted of six horses and twenty-seven cattle. Of these, two horses and thirteen cattle belonged to what is now Claibourne Township. Jeremiah Gardner owned one horse; Simon Gates, Sr., four cattle; Simon Gates, Jr., four cattle; Culwell Williamson, two horses and four cattle; Hale Winchester, one horse and two cattle. Horses and cattle were the only kinds of personal property then taxed. The former were valued at $40 each; the latter at $8. In 1830, there were in the township 33 horses, 115 cattle; total valuation, $2,240; tax, $22.40. There were 22,975 acres of land, valued at $24,557, and taxed for $227.99.

In 1840, the acreage was 25,868, value $33,835; horses, 172, value, $6,880; cattle, 255, value, $2,040; money at interest, $100; total valuation, $42,848; total tax, $728.42, of which $186.92 was delinquent.

In 1850, there were 19,217 acres, valued at $76,326; to valuation of town property, $857; valuation of chattels, $18,100; total valuation, $95,283; total tax, $1,469.89.

In 1860, there were 18,933 acres, with a valuation of $253,111; value of town property, $4,738; total valuation of real estate, $257,849; tax, $2,655.85.

In 1870, 18,907 acres, value $425,839; value of buildings, $24,425.

In 1880, 18,676 acres, value $457,711; value of buildings, $30,972; value of town property, $8,699; value of chattels, $172,493.

EARLY SETTLEMENT.

The early settlers were largely from Clark County. In the northwestern part of the township particularly, the majority hailed from that locality, and over the rest of the township was a fair representation from the same place. Some of the earliest settlers were lured hitherto by the game which frequented the forests, while others came for the purpose of engaging exclusively in agricultural pursuits. Deer was the principal game that was sought for, swarms of bees were plentiful in the woods, and wild honey was found on every pioneer's table. Bee-hunting consumed much of the time of the first settlers. The honey did not possess a great commercial value and was little in demand, for nearly every one supplied himself with the article, though some became much more expert in procuring it than others. The bee-hunter was usually supplied with pocket compass, to note and follow the course the bees would take when freighted with honey. Bees were attracted to a spot by the scent arising from honeycomb burnt by the hunter between two heated stones. Honey, or, better yet, honey mixed with extract of anise seed, was sprinkled near, and when the bees that alighted were surfeited, after circling around for a few times, they would fly away in a "bee line" for home. By getting the courses of two bees of the same swarm from two localities, the swarm would be found in the tree at the intersection of these two lines. When a bee tree was once found. the hunter would cut his initials on the bark of the tree, and by universal consent it became his individual property, to be cut down and the honey extracted therefrom at his leisure. The Indian plan of honey gathering was to climb a tree and cut out the honey. In a three weeks' hunt, an early settler in Leesburg Township found twenty-five trees, and from two hives in one of them, an ash on the farm where William Bonnett now lives on Grassy Run, procured ten gallons of honey.

The first settlement was made in the southwestern part. on Blues Creek. The exact date at which it was formed, and the pioneer who first pitched his camp there, it is impossible now to discover, as these pioneers have all removed to other counties or died long since. They were mostly squatters, who came into the midst of a deep solitude for the purpose of hunting, long before the proprietors of the land could find ready purchasers for it. A cluster of settlers from Clark County settled here before 1820, and the central and most prominent figure in the group was Simon Gates. He was a man highly esteemed in those days of rough frontier life, but did not stay long after the country around him began to be thickly settled. His father, Simon Gates, Sr., owned sixty-one acres in Survey 5,506, and departed this life a few years after he immigrated to the township.

Hale Winchester was one of these primitive pioneers. He, too, hailed from Clark County. His wife was Sybil Gates, a daughter of Simon Gates, Sr. He first occupied land on Blues Creek as a squatter, but afterward purchased a small place and finally emigrated to the West. David Gallant, George Anthony, Nelson Emery and Henry Hulse were also among the earliest settlers on Blues Creek. They were all from Clark County, and some years after they came to the township purchased land here. David Gallant married Phœbe, a daughter of Henry Gandy, raised a family, and then moved to the West. The wife of George Anthony was Mrs. Polly Shepherd, also a daughter of Henry Gandy. Mr. Anthony went West when hunting became poor in this vicinity. Emery Wilson married Selinda Brooks, and brought his family to Leesburg Township. He died here, and his family removed to the West. The wife of Henry Hulse was a sister to Emery Wilson.

Culwell Williamson, of Lynchburg, Va., early in this century purchased Survey 3,694, of 1,000 acres, 200 acres being reserved by the grantor for two Virginian local preachers—Revs. Munson and Denton—the reservation to be surveyed by Mr. Williamson. In 1811, he visited the land, riding horseback from Virginia. No white settlers were then near, but the woods were full of Indians. Mr. Williamson soon returned to Virginia, and twice again came to see the land before emigrating. In 1824, he gathered together his effects, and, placing them in a four-horse wagon, bade farewell to Old Virginia, and, with his sister, Mrs. Jane Martin, a widow, her three children—Samuel, Culwell and Ann—and James and Nancy Oglesbie, a young nephew and niece, began a wearisome journey to Ohio. Eight weeks were consumed on the trip. Procuring assistance from the Scioto River, the men coming before 7 o'clock in the morning and working till late, in the one day the cabin was raised, clapboard roof placed over it and a door sawed out and hung in place. That night, for the first time since they left Virginia, it rained; but there was shelter overhead, and the pattering rain-drops on the roof were music to their ears. This was the first settlement in the upper part of the township. The cabin stood on the farm now owned by O. Jewett, about one mile up Boke's Creek, from Magnetic Springs. Mr. Williamson was an old bachelor. By trade he was a carpenter. He surveyed his land into small tracts, and sold much of it to incoming settlers. Thomas Tunks purchased 100 acres soon after, in the southwest corner of the survey. Joseph Brannon, Henry Hulse and Isaac White each obtained 100 acres, and Joseph White and Arad Franklin also became purchasers. Richard Hoskins bought the Rev. Denton 100-acre tract, and William Wells the Munson tract. Mr Williamson died in 1828.

Culwell Martin died in 1828. He had married Sophia McCune in that year. Their only child, Culwell, is now living in Michigan. Samuel Martin married Sarah Pugh, of Marion County, and settled on 100 acres of the Williamson land. He remained on the farm through life, for a time operated a mill on Bokes Creek, and died in 1854. His children were nine in number—Elizabeth, wife of Emery Newhouse; Ann, married to Levi Skeels, and residing in Kentucky; James; Thomas; Richard, deceased; Samuel, a lawyer at Eureka, Kan.; John, deceased; Llewellyn and Oliver B.

Stephen Cranston

Richard Hoskins was born in Franklin, Franklin Co., Ohio, in 1804; removed to Delaware County, and, in 1827, settled in Leesburg Township, on the 100 acre farm which Dr. Skidmore now owns, about a mile up Boke's Creek from Magnetic Springs. There was no clearing on the place when he settled there, and the remainder of his life was spent upon this home farm, to which he became deeply attached. He was well respected by his neighbors and his judgment and advice was always held in high esteem. In 1827, he married Ann H. Martin. Their marriage was blessed with a family of ten children, only four of whom survive, viz.: James M., proprietor of the Hoskins House, Magnetic Springs; Culwell; Ellen, wife of Ephraim D. Pitts; and Ann, the wife of James Leeper. Mr. Hoskins died in 1870.

James Oglesbie was raised on the Williamson place. He married Ann Wells, the daughter of William Wells, and for a time engaged in farming in this township. He then sold out, and removed to Marysville, where he died. Nancy Oglesbie married William McAllister, and lived and died in Leesburg Township.

Thomas Tunks settled in the township in 1825. He had formerly been a resident of Clark County. He first came out and built a cabin, living in the meantime in a rudely built camp. He then brought his family to his new wilderness home. Mr. Tunks was a farmer by education and occupation, and tilled the soil upon the place he first settled in this township for the remainder of his life. His wife was Ann Wallingsford; his children—Rachel, wife of Levi Spencer, a Missouri farmer; Jane, deceased, who was the wife of William McAllister; Allen, Levi, William, Thomas and Samuel.

In 1825, Joseph White, Benjamin White, Arad Franklin and William Franklin started from their homes in Clark County to visit Bokes Creek, forty miles away, with the intention of settling there if a desirable location was found. They had but one horse. Arad Franklin was just recovering from a spell of sickness, and Joseph White was aged. These two alternately rode, while the others walked. They reached Newton, and remained there overnight. The next morning they traveled northward till they reached Bokes Creek, about eight miles above Pharisburg. From that point Joseph White returned to Newton with the horse. The other three continued down the stream, threading their way, as best they could, through the rough thickets, until they reached the place Thomas Tunks had purchased. He was there, with his boys, building a cabin. They stopped that night with him, and the next day started on their return journey. They were pleased with the country, and determined to locate here. Isaac White came out first, in February, 1826. He was born in Pennsylvania, emigrated with his father, Joseph White to Clark County, and here married Jane Hulse. After his arrival in Leesburg, he pursued the even tenor of a farmer's life up to the date of his death, which resulted from typhoid fever.

Joseph White was born near Winchester, Va., and when seven years old moved to Pennsylvania with a Mr. Tucker, and in his domicile grew to maturity. He then crossed the Ohio River and lived awhile on Short Creek, and from that place traversed westward to Harmony Township, Clark County, where he passed many years. While here, during the war of 1812, he served a short time at the Zanefield block-house, in Logan County. In 1826, when he moved to Leesburg Township, his children had grown up. Some of them accompanied him to his new home; others remained in Clark County. His three daughters, who settled in this township were Jane, Elizabeth, the wife of Bradford Wood, and Sarah, wife of Perry Eubanks. Mr. White passed his declining years here and died in the township.

Arad Franklin was born December 9, 1802, in New York. He removed, with his father, in November, 1813, to Hamilton County, Ohio, and eight years later to Clark County. Here Arad married Nancy White, March 6, 1825, and in October, 1826, packed his few household goods in a wagon, and, with his wife and infant child, made his way to the Culwell Williamson land. He purchased fifty-seven acres north of Bokes Creek, paying for it $2.50 per acre. He moved his family into the house of his father-in-law, Joseph White, and returned to Clark County to harvest his corn crop. During the ensuing winter, he built his cabin, and moved into it in February, 1827. Mr. Franklin has ever since been a resident of the township, and though he is now eighty years old, is hale and hearty, and still active and busy with his farm duties.

Henry Gandy, a Yankee from New Jersey originally, had settled in Darby Plains, and from that place came to Leesburg Township about 1827, and settled about two miles up Bokes Creek from Pharisburg, on the south side of the stream, in Survey 3,692, where he purchased 200 acres of land. He was an old man when he came, and had a family of children who had grown to maturity, and who settled in the same locality. Mr. Gandy had been twice married. By his first marriage he had six children, four daughters and two sons—Abijah and George. By the second marriage he had three sons, Harris, Shepherd and John. He was a farmer by occupation, and died on the farm he settled on in this township. Abijah had married Rebecca Harris before he came to Leesburg; was a prominent and influential citizen, and lived and died here. His farm was just east of that of his father, and just west of the latter was the place of George Gandy, who afterward moved to Illinois. Shepherd occupied the home place after his father's decease, until he emigrated West, and John now occupies it.

Ephraim Carey emigrated from Washington County, Penn., to near Marietta, Ohio, in 1796, and in 1801 near Plain City, in Madison County. In 1826, he came to Leesburg Township, arriving on the 16th day of December. He here spent the balance of his life. He died December 7, 1878, aged nearly eighty-nine years. He was long a member of the Presbyterian Church.

About 1827, John Wood moved from Clark County to the place his son, Ingham Wood, now occupies, two miles above Pharisburg. He was well advanced in life when he came, and spent the remainder of his life here.

About the same time, Alexander Elliott came from Clark County for the purpose of preparing a home for his family. He had contracted the disease called "milk sickness" before he came, and was just recovering from it. By too great application to the arduous labor that confronted him here in the wilderness, he suffered a relapse, and died at the residence of Abijah Gandy. His family afterward moved to the place. His son John now occupies it; his son Samuel has emigrated to the West.

In 1826, Joseph Brannon moved, with a large family, to the township from Clark County, and settled on the south side of Bokes Creek, below Pharisburg. His wife was Jane Hulse, a sister to Henry Hulse. Mr. Brannon removed with his family to Illinois.

David Bacon had come from Clark County prior to 1830. He was not a property holder, and first took a lease from Bradford Wood. Leasing was practiced to a large extent in early times. The terms of a lease then were usually different from contracts of this nature made now. No rent was paid by the tenant, nor a share of the farm products given, but the tenant, in consideration of the free use of a tract of land for a stipulated period, agreed to clear a given amount of land within that time and build a cabin. Ordinarily, a lease would provide for the erection of a cabin and clearing of twenty acres of timber, for which improvement the tenant was to have possession for ten years. Mr. Bacon died in the township, and none of his family now reside here. His son Constant removed to Delaware County. William Borum, a genuine specimen of the rough frontiersman, tarried here for awhile, coming before 1830.

Alexander Cowgill settled early on the site of Mineral Springs. He came from the Scioto River, in Delaware County. While there, he had served as a scout in the war of 1812. Mr. Cowgill remained here only a short time. He sold his landed estate in Leesburg Township to Samuel Barcus, and crossed the line into Claibourne Township, where he died. He had one son—George—and a family of girls.

The following settlers were here in 1830. They had entered the township within a few years prior to that date. Abraham Elifritz lived for a time on Blues Creek. Thomas Foreman settled on Bokes Creek, about three miles above Pharisburg. He was from Clark County, and after a residence here emigrated to Champaign County, Ill. Pierce Lamphere lived in the southern part of the township. He was quite an old man when he arrived. William McIntire became a settler on Blues Creek. He was from Clark County, and died not many years after he became a citizen of Leesburg. John Price made the first improvements on a farm on Blues Creek. He did not remain long, but in 1830 removed to Jackson Township. His brother, David Price, also changed his residence to Jackson Township. Ira Phelps was a resident on Blues Creek, but his abode here was transient. John Sovereign was for a time an occupant of land in Leesburg Township. He had formerly resided on Mill Creek, two miles below Marysville. Samuel Simpson was a settler from Clark County. His first wife was a daughter of Joseph Brannon. Mr. Simpson moved West, and died in the summer of 1882.

In addition to the foregoing settlers, in 1835 the following were also citizens of Leesburg Township: Deliverance Brown, Lorenzo D. Beebe, Matthias Collins, Robert P. Curby, Stephen Davis, Samuel Graham, Thomas Graham, Henry Goodrich, John Gamble, Robert Gamble, Jonathan Jones, Samuel Lafferty, Thomas Lee, Hugh McAdaw, John McAllister, John Newhouse, Samuel Meek, Robert Maskill, William Mawhater, Alexander McConkey, Robert Pharis, James Sibold, Joseph Bellvile and Stephen Smith. There were, doubtless, others, whose names have not been obtained. A number of the above had settled in the township several years before 1835.

Deliverance Brown built a cabin and lived with his family on Bokes Creek, about two miles above Pharisburg. He was considered one of the best hunters in the county, and was occupied most of the time in his favorite pursuit. He annually killed from seventy-five to one hundred deer. He finally sold out, when game could no longer be found, and sought a more congenial environment in the West.

Lorenzo Beebe lived with his father-in-law, Daniel Reed, about a mile north of Pharisburg. They were New England people, and in a few years both families moved West.

Matthias Collins had come from Clark County to Union County, and for a time was a tavern keeper at Marysville. He then settled below Blues Creek, in the southern part of this township. He was an eccentric character, well informed and intelligent, but more theoretical than practical, and possessed of a number of queer ideas. His second wife was a sister of Simon Gates, Jr., and he moved West with him.

Robert P. Curby brought his family from Warren County about 1834, and purchased a farm from Robert Pharis, situated on Bokes Creek, about one and a half miles above Pharisburg. He subsequently returned to Warren County.

Stephen Davis hailed from somewhere in the East. He purchased and occupied a farm in the southwestern portion, and there remained with his family until his death. Samuel Graham was from Clark County, and, like many other early settlers, removed with his family to Illinois.

Henry Goodrich owned a farm near Pharisburg, on which he died at a good old age. His family still lives there. John Gamble came with his family from Clark County, and settled near Blues Creek. He died here, and his sons sold out and moved away. Jonathan Jones lived on the north side of Boke's Creek, about one and a half miles above Pharisburg. He subsequently removed to Porter County, Ind., where his children now live.

Samuel Lafferty, a native of Virginia, emigrated to Champaign County, and thence to Union County. He purchased and occupied a farm about a mile east from Pharisburg on the Delaware Pike, for awhile, then returned to Champaign County, and there died. Thomas Lee, in 1832, emigrated from Virginia to Clark County, and in 1833 settled on a hundred-acre farm on Blues Creek. He raised a family of twelve children, and died in March, 1864, aged seventy-three years. Hugh McAdaw settled about a mile northwest of Pharisburg. John McAllister came from Pickaway County, and settled on a farm in the woods in the eastern part of the township, where he died August 7, 1856, aged sixty-four years. His son, John McAllister, now lives there.

Samuel Meek came from Coshocton County. He was an honest, somewhat singular man, quick to resent an insult. He built a mill on Bokes Creek, on leased land, and later removed to Illinois.

Robert Maskill settled in the northwestern portion of the township, where he died. He came from Clark County. William Mawhater, who moved to the township from Coshocton County, purchased and took possession of a little farm in Survey 5,586. He afterward removed from the township. Alexander McConkey owned and occupied a farm in the same survey. He was from Clark County; returned there and then moved West.

John Newhouse, in 1834, settled just north of the site of Magnetic Springs. He was born in Pickaway County in 1806; removed with his father to Delaware County in 1814, then settled in this township. He remained on the farm until 1881, when he removed to Magnetic Springs, and is now a resident of that place.

Robert Pharis purchased Survey 3,693, of 1,000 acres, and immigrated to it from the East prior to 1835. He was a shrewd Yankee, successsful in business and prominent in local public affairs. His sons, Samuel, Joel, Martin and two younger children also came West and settled on this survey. Samuel and Joel were well educated men. Robert Pharis died shortly before 1848, and the family moved farther West.

In 1833, Joseph Bellville, from Belmont County, settled on the farm on Blues Creek, which his son Sylvanus now owns. Joseph died here in 1863. He had twelve children, ten of whom are now living, but widely scattered through Ohio, Michigan and Iowa. His wife, Sarah, died in 1882, aged eighty-seven years.

One of the earliest schools was taught in a log schoolhouse, about a half mile south of Pharisburg, by Samuel Pharis. Naomi Carney was another early teacher of this school. There were, doubtless, several small schools in the early Blues Creek settlement, but nothing is known of them.

MAGNETIC SPRINGS.

Magnetic Springs is the title that has been bestowed upon a village of recent but vigorous growth, located in the northern part of Survey 3,696, in a bend on the south side of Boke's Creek. Its existence is due to the discovery there of mineral waters, possessing strong medicinal properties, and its population consists largely of invalids or persons in broken health, who have come to test and prove the efficacy of nature's remedy, stored in the free, gushing springs of water in this vicinity.

The principal part of the village—all lying west of the pike—was covered with forest trees, until, perhaps, eighteen years ago. J. W. Hoskins then built a cabin here, and cleared off the greater portion of the timber. In 1872, J. E. Newhouse having purchased the site of Magnetic Springs, started a nursery and garden, which supplied the surrounding farmers for many miles with grape vines and other nursery products. The travel to and from his place was considerable, and the mud road, in bad weather, was almost impassable. He petitioned the Commissioners for a pike, and offered to donate the gravel for two miles of the road, from a fine bed of gravel on the place. The gravel road was built, and the material for four and a half miles of road dug from the pit. Intent on utilizing the cavity thus made in his field, he requested the Commissioners that the surface soil be not thrown back into the hollow as the gravel was removed, as he designed converting it into a fish pond. For the purpose of supplying the pond with water, in April, 1879, he sunk a well, sixty-eight feet deep, close by, without reaching rock, and was about to abandon the undertaking as fruitless when the water gushed out from the opening, forming a pretty fountain. The sight was a novel one in this vicinity, and many came to see it, and naturally partook of the stream. Several who were afflicted with kidney difficulties experienced relief, and it was not long until wonderful stories of the healing powers of the water were circulated abroad, and the water was carried off by hundreds of gallons. In the autumn of 1878, M. F. Langstaff had become the partner of Mr. Newhouse in the nursery business, and after the interest in the fountain was aroused they built a bath-house near the fountain for the benefit of those who wished its use. A number of persons desired lots, and for their accommodation, November 24 and 25, 1879, fifty in-lots and five blocks were surveyed by F. A Gartner for J. E. Newhouse and Duncan and Matilda McLean, the latter two having purchased Mr. Langstaff's interest.

The additions to the village have been as follows: N. D. Degood's Addition, consisting of twenty four in-lots (51–74), comprising about five and one-sixth acres, situated south of the original site, was surveyed by F. A. Gartner, March 31, 1880; N. D. Degood's Second Addition, twenty-five lots (75–99), was surveyed by F. A. Gartner March 3, 1881; H. C. Hoskins' Addition of thirteen lots (100–112), was surveyed May 6, 1881, by J. Van Pearse; James E. McBride's Addition of fourteen lots (113–126), was surveyed July 1, 1881, by J. Van Pearse.

The residence of Mr. Newhouse was the only building in the village west of the pike, in 1879. In 1880, about a dozen houses were erected, and there are now over one hundred. A considerable portion of the population is floating. It varies from three hundred to five hundred. John Smith was appointed Postmaster in the spring of 1880, and still retains the office. He started the first grocery. The first dry goods store was opened by A. L. Smith & Sons, of Richwood, in the spring of 1881. There are now two dry goods stores, owned respectively by Buffington Lynn and Hill & Jolliff. The latter firm purchased the stock of Smith & Sons. There are also in the village two groceries, L. Roley and John Smith; one hardware store. Bee & Murphy; one drug store, Dr. H. McFadden; one jeweler store, Ramey & Son; a billiard hall, bakery and restaurant, photograph gallery, meat market, extensive livery establishment, owned by Mickey & Trickey, a shoe, and a blacksmith shop.

For the accommodation of the afflicted who resort to the village, and the traveling public generally, there are three good hotels and quite a number of boarding houses. The Fountain House was built by M. F. Langstaff, in 1880. It was the first building erected in that year. Mr. Langstaff sold it to A. Thompson, and it has subsequently been leased to Mr. Hill, the present host. The erection of the Park House was begun in 1880 and completed in 1881. It is an imposing and spacious three story frame structure, 52x80, the largest building in the village. Morgan Savage and A. W. Robinson, the builders, still own it. The latter is proprietor of the hotel. The Hoskins House was commenced in 1881, and finished the spring following. J. M. Hoskins is proprietor. From fifty to three hundred guests are registered constantly at the hotels and stopping at private boarding houses, and they tax to the utmost the capacity of the village for hospitality.

Indications point to the erection of two large hotels during the summer of 1883, one of them by W. M. Murphy & Son, of Cleveland. They have purchased a very desirable site for a building of this kind, and in the autumn of 1882 were engaged in sinking an artesian well to a great depth, with a view to supplying the proposed hotel with water. In November, a depth of 700 feet was reached, and the work still progressing. The water rose to within a foot of the surface, but a flow had not yet been attained.

A frame schoolhouse was built in 1882, the first one in the village, and O. C. Degood was the teacher during the ensuing winter. There are no church edifices yet erected, but a Methodist society has been organized, and efforts will soon be put forth to secure a house of worship. The class is yet small; Rev. Jagger preaches to it. Two physicians, Drs. McFadden and S. S. Skidmore, are resident practitioners. The dwelling houses are far above the average in villages of the same size, for neat and attractive appearance.

A large bath house has lately been constructed, which is supplied with water by a twelve-horse power engine. The park grounds, including the springs, lake, bath house, cottages and two hotels, comprise seven acres, and are owned by Newhouse, McLean & Co.

In all directions from the first well that was sunk, outside of a radius of probably one hundred feet, limestone rock exists from thirteen to thirty feet below the surface, while at the spring, at the depth of seventy-seven feet, no rock was encountered. This deep pocket from which the mineral magnetic water arises, below the depth of thirty feet is filled with a reddish substance resembling hard clay for thirty feet, and below it is a gray-colored substance of similar composition. An analysis of this water, made by Prof. E. S. Wayne, of Cincinnati, shows the following:

Solid contents of one gallon of the water, 44.897 grains, composed of

Chloride of sodium	0.789 grains.
Sulphate of potassa	0.223 grains.
Sulphate of sodium	0.416 grains.
Sulphate of lime	3.271 grains.
Sulphate of magnesia	2.304 grains.
Bi-carbonate of lime	19.201 grains.
Bi-carbonate of magnesia	17.614 grains.
Bi-carbonate of iron	0.153 grains.
Alumina	0.115 grains.
Silica	0.242 grains.
Organic matter	0.569 grains.
Total	44.897 grains.

It also possesses high magnetic properties, and it is said that a knife-blade held in it for a few moments becomes so highly charged that a nail may be lifted by it.

Three other springs are said to possess curative powers, each of them having distinct mineral ingredients. One of them, a sulphur spring, is located about a mile southeast of the village; a spacious avenue has just been opened to it. A park of fourteen acres has been purchased, including a grove. It is proposed to erect here, during the summer of 1883, a large hotel and a number of cottages, and to connect it with the village by a street-car line.

PHARISBURG.

Pharisburg was surveyed by William B. Irvin July 21, 1847, and the plat acknowledged May 25, 1848, by the proprietor, Allen Pharis, administrator of Robert Pharis, deceased. It contained forty-five lots, including ten acres and sixty-two poles. Its location, near the southeast corner of Survey 3,693, and near the center of the township, had previously been known as "Scott's Corners." The residence of Samuel Pharis, a large, two-story, hewed-log house, stood on the site when the plat was made, and Francis Scott soon after built a frame house west of the road, running north and south. Merilla Cameron, a young Kentuckian, sold the first goods here. He brought them before the village was laid out and operated the store only a year or two. Not long after the discontinuance of this store. Mr. J. Reed opened a general stock of goods, and did business for some time. Matilda Chiggage taught the first school. Thomas Barcus was the first Postmaster. Benjamin Welch, Samuel Kirk, S. A. Tunks, Benjamin Welch again and A. B. Stricker have been his successors.

Dr. McClaskey, of Pennsylvania, was the first physician. In the spring of 1856, Dr. M. Thompson entered on a practice which was continued twelve years. Dr. H. McFadden came about 1867. Dr. Henry Vigor soon after practiced for a few years. Dr. R. A. Gray was here only a short time. Dr. S. S. Skidmore, in the spring of 1882, closed in part for practice of about ten years' duration, by removing to Magnetic Springs. He was succeeded at Pharisburg by Dr. G. J. Skidmore. Dr. Samuel Breese settled in the village about 1869, and practiced till his death in March, 1881.

At present there are three stores at Pharisburg, owned respectively by A. B. Stricker, A. G. McAdow and William Hayes. There are two blacksmith shops and nearly two hundred people. A new schoolhouse has just been erected, and a township graded high school, the first ever held, is in operation, with S. W. Van Winkle as teacher.

Pharisburg Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F., was instituted June 13, 1877. The first officers were E. A. Bell, N. G.; J. R. Taylor, V. G.; A. B. Stricker, Rec. Sec.; J. M. Hoskins, Per. Sec.; Heman Hickok, Treas. Besides these, the charter members were J. W. Hall, Lemuel Langstaff, J. S. Mallory, R. H. White and R. Mayfield. The present membership is fifty-nine. The present officers are J. T. Clevinger, N. G.; O. C. Trickey, V. G.; Lee W. Burkopile, Rec. Sec.; R. H. White, Per. Sec.; R. Mayfield, Treas. Meetings are held every Saturday evening. The lodge owns a half interest in the second story hall in which it meets. Three deaths have occurred in the lodge since its organization. The deceased are David Burkopile, R. P. Clevinger and A. J. Hartman.

The Daughters of Rebekah, Pharisburg Lodge, was instituted May 15, 1879. The first officers were Elizabeth Hoskins, N. G.; Emma Langstaff, V. G.; Maggie Stricker, Rec. Sec.; Emma Taylor, Fin. Sec.; Elizabeth Green, Treasurer. The other original members were Mattie White, Mary Hickok, Mary Gandy, Mary Rinehart, Mary Clevinger, Lola Hoskins, Anna A. Langstaff, Rosalinde Mayfield and Bell Green. The membership is now about forty. The regular meetings are held every Wednesday on or before the full moon.

Leesburg Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, No. 372, was granted a dispensation January 9, 1874, and chartered May 26, 1874. The hall was built by a joint-stock company of its members. This company still owns the lower floor, but the upper story is the joint property of the Grange and the Odd Fellows lodge. The present membership is about forty; Jeremiah Rinehart is Master, and Josephus Brannon, Overseer. Regular meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon on or before the full moon.

The Methodist Protestant Church at Pharisburg is a large, substantial frame structure, which was dedicated July 4, 1875, by Rev. Alexander Clark, of Pittsburgh, Penn. The church is well finished and surmounted by a bell. Its total cost was about $2,500. The old frame church, in use before the present one was erected, is still standing. It was built about 1850. The society was organized some time before this latter date, and held its meetings in private houses for awhile, and then in the schoolhouse north of Boke's Creek. Early and prominent members were Alexander McKonkey, the Laffertys, Abraham Blackburn, Julius A. Bell and Julia his wife, Harvey Skeels, Benjamin W. Welch and his wife Elizabeth, and J. H. Langstaff and his wife Catharine. Revs. O. P. Stephens and Sanford Flood were early ministers. Rev. W. M. Creamer is the present pastor. The membership is not so strong as it has been in past times. A Sabbath school is maintained throughout the year.

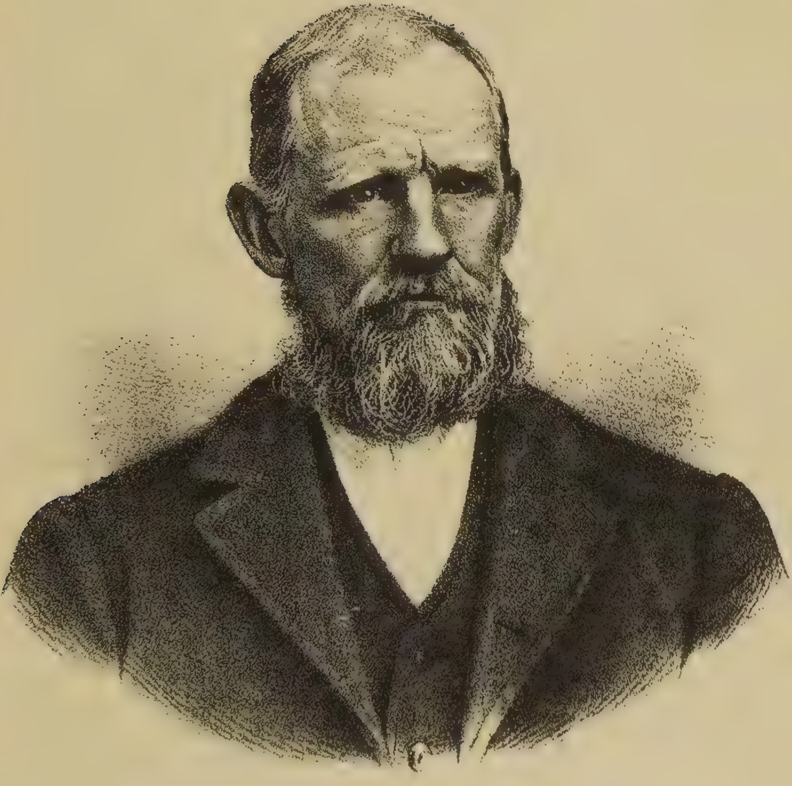
A Universalist Church was organized here, and a church built about twenty-five years ago, but the society continued in active operation only a few years. Isaac Zane, Stephen Davis, Amasa Rosencrantz and Abijah Gandy were included in its membership. Revs. Arba Gass and Waite administered to the congregation.

The Pharisburg Universalist Church was organized in August, 1879, at the Methodist Protestant Church, by Rev. Mrs. Letta D. Crosley, who has since been pastor. The society began with only a few members, and has now increased to about forty. Among the early members were George W. Cary and wife, William Foster and wife, John Gandy and wife, Jasper Cary and wife, John Elliott and wife, Lester Webster and wife, George Hill and wife, Othneil Jewett and Andrew Hartman. Services are held once a month in the Methodist Protestant Church.

Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church was organized about 1830, at the house of Samuel Martin. It began with a very limited membership, consisting chiefly of the Martin family and Culwell Williamson. A hewed-log church, located about one and one-fourth miles northeast of Pharisburg, was built and served as the house of worship till the present frame building was erected. A protracted meeting was conducted by Rev. Longfellow about 1858, which resulted in a great increase of members. The church has since been weakened from a variety of causes, and at present there are no regular services.

In Hildreth's Schoolhouse, west of Pharisburg, a Christian, or "New Light," society was organized several years ago. Rev. Shirk held services there for some time, and Rev. Hurd has been preaching for several years. The society is gaining in strength. David Hildreth, Albert Gardner, Emanuel Shinnaman and Daniel Burkopile are members. A Sunday school is conducted during the summer.

Blues Creek Christian, or "New Light," Church, located on the Marysville & Pharisburg pike, is the home of a small society, which was organized in 1833 or 1834. About that time, a log meeting house was built, about a half mile south of the present church, on the farm now owned by Ira Phelps. Joseph and Sarah Bellville, Hale Winchester, Jonathan and Polly Brooks, Thomas and Anna Lee, Mr. Spurgeon and wife and Mrs. Hannah Phelps were



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early members. Elders Ashley and Barber were pioneer preachers. They were succeeded by Elder John McInturf, who was a powerful preacher and a well-beloved pastor. The old log church subserved its purpose until 1861. The present edifice was then constructed, on a lot donated to the society by Jacob Lee. It was dedicated, in October, 1861, by Elder Daniel Long, an aged and revered minister of the church. At that time, Nicholas Bellville, Robert Lee and Thomas Lee were prominent members. The Christian society formed recently in a schoolhouse just west of Pharisburg drew its membership largely from the Blue's Creek congregation. Owing to this, and to deaths and removals, the numerical strength of the church has been weakened. It once numbered eighty, but now scarcely more than one-fourth that number. Elder William Webb, in 1868 and 1869, conducted a revival, which resulted in thirty-six accessions to the church in one year, and many during the next. Elder Lure was the pastor last year. At present there is no settled minister, but Elder Kerris has been supplying the church in this capacity. The Sabbath school, which has been held for many years, is very successful. It was superintended last year by Eli Hildebrand.

In the extreme southern edge of Leesburg Township, near the southwest corner of Survey 5,870, is a frame meeting house called Ryan's Chapel, the property of a Methodist society that worships here. It received its name from James Ryan, a local minister of Dover Township. A Methodist Church, known as Mount Harmon, formerly existed about three miles south of Ryan's Chapel. After the village of Dover attained some importance, many of the members of Mount Harmon, who resided in Dover, wished the place of meeting changed to the village. Those members who resided north of the church were unwilling that the church be removed. A compromise was effected by dividing the membership, and each of the two divisions obtained a church centrally and favorably located. The northern portion of the old congregation erected Ryan's Chapel, during the spring and summer of 1868. Lewis White, of Dover, was the contractor. During the winter preceding its erection, a protracted series of meetings were conducted in the schoolhouse, about three-fourths of a mile north of the church, by Rev. Isaiah Henderson. Many conversions were made, and the interest which was aroused led to the building of the church. George Montgomery, John Montgomery, William, John, Samuel and William H. Bonnett, Thomas Kindal, Louis White and Jesse Carpenter were prominent members. Rev. Waters, of Delaware, dedicated the church. The membership was once strong, and now exceeds thirty. Rev. Jaggers is the pastor in charge, holding services each alternate Sabbath. The congregation forms a part of the Dover Circuit. Besides these two charges, Ostrander and Millville churches are included in the circuit. A Sabbath school is regularly maintained during the summer and sometimes is continued through the winter.

Union Chapel is a substantial, neat, brick edifice, 28x38 feet in dimensions, located in the extreme eastern part of the township, on the Delaware & Bellefontaine pike. It is the joint property of two religious societies, a Christian Union and a Disciple congregation, which worship here separately, and was erected by them in 1872, at a cost of about $1,300. The property is controlled by five Trustees, two of whom are chosen by each congregation, and the fifth, who holds the deeds of the property, is selected by the four so chosen, and is to be a member of neither church. The land for the building was donated to the two societies by John McAllister. The church was dedicated by Rev. John Clise, a Christian Union minister, then of Columbus, Ohio.

The Christian Union society, known as the Beech Grove congregation, had its origin in 1863. A number of the members of the Methodist Episcopal and of the Methodist Protestant Churches, who were dissatisfied with the political character of the public services held there, ceased to attend; but soon realizing the need of religious exercises, they formed a class, independent of any denomination, and met in the Beech Grove Schoolhouse for prayer meetings. This class consisted originally of about sixteen members and, as nearly as can be ascertained, included the names of Richard Hoskins and wife, Abram Hall and wife, Arad Franklin and wife, Benjamin Long and wife, Sarah Hickok, John Manuel, Richard Peters and wife, Jane and Nancy Franklin and Jacob Hoskins and wife. After a little while, the services of Rev. Samuel Hull, an Independent Baptist minister, were procured; he preached to the society for six months. When the sect known as the Christian Union Church was organized, this independent society joined it. Rev. Roscellus Gates was the first Christian Union minister in charge. He entered upon his pastoral duties in 1864, and remained with the congregation two years. The services were held in the schoolhouse until the erection of Union Chapel. Among the ministers who have served this society are Revs. Jacob Hoskins, Durant, of Westerville, Lacey, Levi Ely, Hannawalt, Racey and Baker. The circuit to which it belongs comprises four charges besides this one--Millville, Scioto Valley, Liberty and New Salem. Of these, the first three are in Delaware County; the last one is in Franklin County. The membership of Beech Grove numbers about thirty. Until the Sabbath school was organized at Mineral Springs, a year or two ago, one was regularly maintained in this church.

The Disciple congregation that meets here was formed by the union of two similar societies, both of which were in Delaware County. One was known as the Money Church, in Thompson Township, the other worshiped in a schoolhouse in Scioto Township. After they united, services were held in a Delaware County Schoolhouse, until Union Chapel was erected. At that time there were very few members besides John McAllister from this township, but a number have afterward entered the township and joined the society. The membership at present is not very strong. Rev. Call was pastor when the church was built. Rev. Moss is the minister now in charge.

CEMETERIES.

The first burial-place in Leesburg Township, was on Joseph Brannon's farm, half a mile east of Pharisburg. Quite a number of early settlers were buried here, among them Alexander Elliott. The place is no longer used as a public graveyard. Before it was set apart for this purpose, the Decker graveyard, in Delaware County, was used.

Connected with the Hopewell Church is a burying-ground, where the remains of many early residents of the northern portion of the township repose. It is still a public cemetery.

The McAllister graveyard, at Union Chapel, is not so large. It has been in use for thirty or more years.

Close by an old log Presbyterian Church, which was located in the southwestern part of the township, was a cemetery, which has also ceased to be used for this purpose. Another, south of Blues Creek, on the farm of William Scott, was known as Scott's Graveyard.

MILLS.

Nathan Meek, between the years 1832 and 1833, constructed a mill, known as a "corn cracker," on Boke's Creek, about a mile below Pharisburg, which had a capacity of from twelve to forty bushels of corn per day. The mill-stones, about twenty inches in diameter, are still in use in the steam mill at Pharisburg. An upright saw was attached to the mill, and, as civilization grew apace with the development of the settlements and the need of lumber was felt in the community, this mill supplied the primitive farmers with this commodity. It stood on the farm of Samuel Martin, and was sold by Mr. Meek to him. George Barcus afterward became the possessor, and from him Arad Franklin leased and operated it for three years. Mr. Witsbaugh next purchased it, but its period of usefulness had about expired, and little work was done after it came under his control.

After disposing of the above mill, Mr. Meek built another, on the farm of John Woods, about one and three-fourths miles above Pharisburg. He sold it to John Warner, and in a few years it, too, was abandoned.

Ingham Woods and John Elliott afterward built a saw mill, a little farther up Bokes Creek, on the same farm. A long race was dug, but by a mistake of the millwright a fall of only three feet was obtained where nine had been expected. This was insufficient to give any value to the mill, and, after a considerable expense, the mill project was abandoned.

In earliest times, the Scioto and Darby Creek mills, and one on Buck Creek, in Champaign County, were patronized by the denizens of Leesburg.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

H. D. ANDREWS, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, August 29, 1842. His parents were Edward and Harriet (Lampson) Andrews, natives of Ohio, of English descent, and both now deceased. Our subject is a farmer by occupation, and owns about fifty-eight acres of land, seven miles north of Marysville. During the late war, he enlisted, on August 1, 1861, in Company F, Thirty-first Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served four years, participating in some hotly contested engagements, among them being the battle of Stone River, Atlanta, Chickamauga, Kenesaw Mountain, Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Resaca and many others of more or less importance. He was discharged July 1, 1865. He was married February 25, 1864, to Louise, daughter of David and Hannah (Hand) Lockwood, by whom he has two children—Don M., born April 21, 1866, and Clara E., born October 1, 1870. Mr. Andrews is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in politics he is a Republican. His grandfather came to Ohio before Columbus was a town. Mrs. Andrews' mother was born in Columbia County, N. Y., in September, 1807, and emigrated to Ohio at the age of ten years, settling on Darby Plains. She was married November 7, 1825, and lived in Union County fifty-seven years.

BEE & MURPHY, dealers in hardware, tinware, stoves, nails and fixtures, Magnetic Springs. The firm doing business under the above title engaged in their present enterprise in September, 1882. They are live, energetic business men, and keep constantly on hand a full stock of such goods as are usually found in a first-class store of the above description. W. H. Bee, the senior partner, was born at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, January 30, 1838, and is a son of George B. and Catherine (Wise) Bee, the former a native of England, and the latter of Richland County, Ohio. Their family consists of three sons and three daughters, one of the latter being the wife of Charles E. Ragon, of Columbus, Ohio. W. H. graduated at Upper Sandusky, 1877, and for two years taught school. He is a plasterer and stone and brick mason, at which trade he worked eleven months after coming to Magnetic Springs. He is a man of good business qualifications, and stands high in the esteem of the people at the Springs.

J. W. BEEM, farmer, P. O. Magnetic Springs, was born in Union County, Ohio, May 1, 1837. He is a son of Michael Beem, who was born in Maryland, and emigrated to Ohio in 1813, settling in Licking County. He died in 1879. Our subject was married September 19, 1861, to Hannah, daughter of John and Jane (Bridge) Dilsaver, and a native of Union County, born January 11, 1842 By this union two children were born, viz.: Hattie B., born June 28, 1862, and wife of Rev. W. J. Elliott, and Francis M., born October 7, 1870. Our subject owns a nice farm northwest of Magnetic Springs, on which he built a handsome residence in 1879. He has been a farmer most of his life, but for ten terms taught school. He is a Republican, a member of the M. P. Church, and at present a Township Trustee. His grandparents were Michael Beem, a Revolutionary soldier, and Ruth (Rose) Beem.

ROBERT BLACK, deceased, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, March 17, 1826, and died in Union County July 11, 1868. He was a son of William and Martha Jane (Mark) Black, who were both Americans, of Irish ancestry. He was a life-long farmer, and at the time of his death owned 136 acres of land near Magnetic Springs, on which his family now reside, having lived there seventeen consecutive years. He was married November 13, 1849, to Mary Freshwater, who was born April 12, 1829. Her father, George Freshwater, married Mary Hunter, who died after having borne him ten children, of whom Mrs Black was the youngest. He was married the second time, having two children by his second wife. Our subject was the father of nine children, viz.: Benjamin F., born February 5, 1851; Eliza Jane, born November 10, 1852; Archibald, born September 5, 1854; Lucy, wife of John W. Worline, born August 24, 1856, and died November 20, 1880; Ameda, born August 20, 1858, died September 12, 1876; Reuben, born in 1860; Mary, born September 30, 1864; Eunie, born January 26, 1866, and Rosanna, born March 17, 1868.

JOHN BONNETT, farmer, P. O. Marysville, Ohio, was born in Ohio County, W. Va., November 8, 1808. He is a son of Lewis and Jane (McClain) Bonnett. He was raised on the farm, and had but few educational advantages. He adopted the occupation of a farmer, and has spent the whole of his life at that honorable avocation. He was married May 2, 1832, to Ann Maria Davis, daughter of Isaac and Keziah (Askew) Davis, who were of German descent. This union was blessed with an issue of seven children, of whom only three now survive, viz.: Ralph S., Keziah Ryan and William. Mr. Bonnett is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a Republican in politics. He has met with well merited success in his farm operations, and has lived to reach a ripe old age. Three of his sons answered the call of their country to protect its flag when threatened by the traitorous hands of rebellious subjects.

SAMUEL S. BREES, farmer, P. O. Magnetic Springs, was born in Union County, Ohio, November 26, 1852. His parents were Samuel Brees, deceased, a native of Pennsylvania, of Irish descent, and Louisa Brees, a native of Licking County, Ohio, of Scotch descent. Our subject was married April 15, 1872, to Lavina E. McVey, a daughter of Rev. I. N. and Belinda (West) McVey. She was born in Adams County, Ohio, July 22, 1852. By this union four children have been born, viz.: John O., born May 16, 1873; Harrison, born in 1875; Reuben, 1878, and Della, 1880. Mr. Brees received his education in the common schools, and was brought up as a farmer, which occupation he continues to follow.

T. M. BRANNAN, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Union County December 15, 1840. He was a son of George W. and Mary (Jordan) Brannan, the former a native of Ohio of Scotch-Irish descent, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent. In 1858, our subject went to Piatt County, Ill. At the first call for troops to put down the rebellion, he enlisted at Mahomet, Campaign Co., Ill., but owing to the excess of volunteers, he was sent home after spending two weeks in camp at Urbana. On August 6, 1862, he again enlisted at Urbana, and after nearly three years' service was discharged at Galveston, Tex., July 22, 1865. He participated in the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, skirmishes at Champion Hill and Benton, Miss., battle at Jackson Cross Roads, skirmish at Jackson, La., and siege and assault on Blakely, Ala. At Jackson Cross Roads he was wounded in the head, having his hat band shot off in two places, and received several balls through his clothing; he was also taken prisoner and sent to Cahawba, Ala., where he remained a few days, when he was sent to Vicksburg for exchange, having been a prisoner but fifteen days. In the assault on Blakely, he had the honor of commanding his company (Company G, Seventy-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry), and was slightly wounded in the foot. He was promoted to First Sergeant for gallantry in the engagement, and was afterward commissioned Second Lieutenant by the Governor of Illinois for meritorious conduct. On September 30, 1868, he married Amelia, daughter of A. E. and Diantha (Davis) Rosencrans. She was born February 15, 1851, and by her Mr. Brannan has had three children, one deceased. Mr. Brannan is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, of the Grand Army of the Republic, and, as is his wife, of the Methodist Protestant Church. He has acted as Township Trustee and School Director in his township.

G. W. CARY, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Madison County, Ohio, October 27, 1821. He is a son of Ephriam and Matilda (Grundy) Cary, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio, both of German descent. Our subject was married October 7, 1847, to Mary E. Franklin, who was born February 23, 1827. She is a daughter of Herod and Nancy (White) Franklin, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Pennsylvania. Our subject has the following children: Mary M., Ruth, A. F., Hannah and Ann. Mr. Cary was one of nine children, four now living, the others being Stephen, Ruth and Tamson. His grandparents were Luther and Rhoda Cary and Henry H. and Tamson Gandy, the latter having a second wife, Sarah. Mr. Cary's father was born in 1790, and died in July, 1854. His mother was born in 1801, and died July, 1854. He owns eighty acres of land, and has resided in the county fifty-six years. He is a Republican, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ROWLEY CLARK, farmer, P. O. Scott's Corner and Richwood, was born in Licking County, Ohio, January 27, 1827. His parents were Rowley and Roxanna (Patch) Clark, the latter a native of Vermont. They were among the early settlers of Licking County, where the former died in 1867, aged about seventy-nine years. Our subject was raised and educated in Licking County, where he was married about 1847 to Martha Hutchinson, a native of Knox County, by whom he had ten children, three boys and seven girls, the following surviving, viz.: Jane, Daniel, Ann Eliza, Estella, Alice and Benjamin. Mr. Clark was a member of the Seventy-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company A, Capt. Rogers, and served from August, 1864, until July, 1865, participating in several important battles and minor skirmishes. He has been a resident of Union County for the past nine years.

J. P. CLEVENGER, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Greene County, Ohio, March 19, 1825. He is a son of Titus and Mary (Bowcock) Clevenger, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Highland County, Ohio. Our subject was married December 8, 1857, to Harriet, daughter of James T. and Elizabeth (Blackstone) Wells. Mrs. Clevenger's paternal grandfather was captured by the Indians and held as a captive two and a half years. Her father was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Clevenger's father was also in the last war with England. L. B. Clevenger, a brother of our subject, was a Captain of cavalry for a time, during the rebellion. He was born April 27, 1827, and died April 5, 1882. He was twice elected Sheriff at Kingston, Caldwell Co., Mo., and served in that capacity four years. His father died in 1862, aged seventy years and three months. Mr. Clevenger owns a farm of seventy acres of well improved land one mile northeast of Pharisburg, on which he resides.

JESSE CARPENTER, deceased, was born in the State of Virginia June 24, 1810, and died in Union County, Ohio, December 11, 1875. He was married June 18, 1868, to Mrs. Annis (West) Faland, daughter of David and Asenath (Olmstead) West, and widow of William E. Faland. She was born in the State of New York, February 5, 1829, and emigrated to Ohio with her parents when five years of age. By her marriage to Mr. Faland she has three children—Ida M., Frank and Dora. By her second marriage she had six children, of whom four survive, viz.: James B., David T., Mary E. and William. Mrs. Carpenter owns 136 acres of land on which she resides. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Carpenter was a thorough, practical farmer, and a good citizen, highly respected by the people of his county.

ADEXANDER CRIST, farmer and boot and shoe maker, Pharisburg, was born in Hocking County, Ohio, June 18, 1838. He is a son of Henry and Marion (Hollister) Crist, natives of New York, who emigrated to Ohio in 1833 or 1834. Our subject was married December 6, 1866, to Elma Armstrong, a daughter of John and Emily (Henry) Armstrong. She was born March 29, 1839, and by her Mr. Crist has had five children, four boys and one girl. Mr. Crist enlisted in the late war on September 1, 1861, and was discharged by reason of disability September 16, 1862. His leg was amputated below the knee by Dr. Haven, on June 26, 1882, and he receives a pension from the Government on that account. He is a member of Marysville Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F.

J. W. CURRY, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, March 13, 1847. He is a son of Stephenson and Sarah D. (Robinson) Curry, both natives of Ohio. Our subject received the schooling usually afforded farm boys, and early attached himself to the work of a farmer, which he followed through his minority. On December 19, 1872, he married Jennie Cook, a daughter of John A. and Barbara (Tanner) Cook, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Ohio. Mr. Curry is a Democrat in politics, and by occupation a farmer. For five years he was a resident of Richwood, but has since taken up his abode in Leesburg Township.

JOHN DUNNEN, farmer, P. O. Claibourne, was born in Richland County, Ohio, November 25, 1836. His father, Samuel Dunnen, was born in Scotland and in 1828 emigrated to Ohio, where he died in 1852, aged seventy-five years. His wife, Margaret (Linn) Dunnen, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, and was a daughter of Col. John Linn, of the Revolutionary war. Our subject was raised and educated in his native county. He has spent his life farming, with the exception of seven years, during which he operated a saw mill. He was married to Eliza Walters, a daughter of George and Catharine (Warner) Walters, and a native of Union County, born November 13, 1850. Mr. Dunnen has four children, viz., Willie S. born August 30, 1869; Wilner L., born November 28, 1870; Fay A., born February 4, 1872, died May 24, 1879, and George W., born March 19, 1874. Mr. Dunnen is a Democrat, and has acted as a School Director. He owns thirty acres of land near Claibourne P. O., on which he resides.

JACOB DAYMUDE, deceased, was born in Virginia January 16, 1809, and died September 11, 1882. At the age of twenty years, he came to Ohio, and settled in Perry County. On July 2, 1840, he married Mary A. Spicer, a daughter of Absalom and Mahala (Moore) Spicer. They had the following children: John H., born March 21, 1841; James William, born April 6, 1843; Ephraim, born January 20, 1846; Benjamin F., born September 11, 1848; George W., born June 27, 1851; Lucy, born January 22, 1854, wife of G. W. Scott, and mother of three children—Mary Alice, Ira G. and Jacob, deceased; Ardilla, born November 15, 1856, died April 26, 1857, William F., born July 22, 1864, and Jacob born March 15, 1858. Benjamin F. was raised in Franklin County, and educated in the Perry County High Schools. He taught school eight years in Franklin County, and then turned his attention to farming. He was married September 14, 1876, to Sarah J., daughter of William and Sarah (Artz) Warner. She was born August 21, 1855. They have one child, Curtis W., born April 30, 1878. Benj. F. Daymude is a Democrat, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

SIMEON DEWITT, farmer, P. O. Magnetic Springs, is a son of Amos and Rachel (Harris) Dewitt, natives of Virginia, of English descent, who emigrated to Ohio at an early day, and settled in Knox County, where our subject was born in June, 1825, and where he remained until he reached his majority. On October 28, 1845, he married Elizabeth Ann, daughter of William and Jane Carns, and a native of Knox County, where she was born July 3, 1825. By this union eight children were born, of whom five survive, viz.: Douglas W., born October 14, 1848, married Cornelia, daughter of John and Nancy Jenkins, and has four children—Simon, George, Levi and Burton; Bryant, born May 6, 1850, married Elizabeth Widener—children, Myrta, Arvella, Rosella and Blanch E.; Louisa, born February 16, 1853, wife of William Pierce, by whom she has three children; Charles B., born April 6, 1856, and Martha B., born February 16, 1860. Mr. Dewitt is a farmer by occupation, and owns fifty acres of land near Magnetic Springs. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

N. D. DEGOOD, farmer, P. O. Magnetic Springs, is a son of Thomas and Rachel (McClain) Degood, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Knox County, Ohio. He was born in Leesburg Township, October 10, 1841, and on April 2, 1862, married Almada, daughter of Abner and Catherine Liggett. She was born April 2, 1841. Mr. Degood was reared on a farm, and now owns 100 acres of land near Magnetic Springs. He originally owned 162 acres, but has disposed of some by making additions to the village of Magnetic Springs. He owns the beautiful grove that lies southwest of the village, which he intends to furnish with every appliance for a pleasure grove. He has recently arranged with a Cleveland company to sink a drive well on the premises that will furnish an ample supply of water for all purposes to the visitors at the grove. His place promises to be one of the chief attractions at this attractive little resort.

THOMAS B. DAVIS, caterer, baker and confectioner, Magnetic Springs, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, November 28, 1838. His parents, William Davis, deceased, and Jane (McCorkle) Davis, were natives of Ohio, of Irish descent, and the latter is now a resident of Mechanicsburg, over sixty-five years of age. Our subject was married August 22, 1866, to Eda J., daughter of Nathaniel and Lavina (Timmons) Banker, the former a native of New Hampshire, and the latter of Ohio, both of English extraction. By this union six children were born, viz.: An infant, deceased; Lida I., William H. H., Carrie May, Nellie, deceased, aged eighteen months, and Thomas G. Mr. Davis is by occupation a baker and proprietor of a restaurant. He was reared on a farm and did not come to the Springs until 1882. In October, 1861, he enlisted in the Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until July 5, 1862, when he was discharged on account of disability. He is a Republican, and for a year served as a Constable in Pike Township, Madison County. He had three brothers and three sisters, viz.: Martha E., Mary N., deceased, Eliza J., deceased, William D., deceased, Solomon L., deceased, and John H.

JOHN ELLIOTT, retired, P. O. Pharisburg, son of Alexander and Jane (Chatterfield) Elliott, natives of Pennsylvania, of English descent, was born at Brookfield, Ohio, September 17, 1800, and educated in the common schools of Clark County. He adopted the occupation of a farmer and followed that honorable avocation with a good deal of success, until he retired from active business life. He owns 120 acres of land, one mile from Pharisburg, of which twenty-five acres are timber lands. On January 22, 1832, he married Louisa Wood, daughter of John and Phebe (Bradford) Wood. She was born in Clark County, Ohio, February 22, 1815. They are the parents of ten children, seven living, viz.: William, married; John, married; Elizabeth wife of Marshall Morris and mother of eight children; Sabina, Mary, Amanda and Minerva; one son and three daughters are deceased. Mr. Elliott has forty-eight grandchildren. He is a member of the Universalist Church, and a Republican in politics; he has served his township as Treasurer, Trustee and School Director.

J. E. EVANS, tile manufacturer, Magnetic Springs, was born in Union County, December 14, 1854. He is a son of Jacob M. and Rebecca (Stratton) Evans. His father was a native of Virginia and emigrated to Ohio at the age of nine years, he was of Welsh and German ancestry. Our subject was raised on a farm, attending the district schools as occasion offered, and followed farm life until eighteen years of age, when he engaged in the manufacture of drain tile, in which he has met with good success. He now has facilities for burning eighteen kilns or 350 rods at a time. He was married September 1, 1882, to Dora Wetzel, a daughter of Abraham and Fanny Wetzel, and a native of Pennsylvania, born September 1, 1864.

R. W. EVANS, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, April 26, 1840. He is a son of Samuel and Sophia (Wright) Evans, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Maryland. They emigrated to Ohio in 1811, and located in Franklin County. Our subject was married February 13, 1866, to Ellinda C., daughter of Reuben and Margaret (Wilkins) Miller, and a native of Ohio. By this union two children were born, viz.: Lew Wallace, born February 16, 1869, and Amy Dell, born February 14, 1878. Mr. Evans is a farmer by occupation, and a Republican in politics, acted as Township Trustee two terms. In October 22, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, First Battalion, Eighteenth Regiment United States Infantry, Capt. Andrews, and served three years, receiving a wound in the right arm at Jonesboro, Ga., September 1, 1864. He served in seventeen different battles, carried the colors through all but one, and for a time commanded his company. He was in the siege of Corinth, battle of Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, siege of Atlanta and Jonesboro, and several minor engagements and skirmishes. His grandfather was a soldier in the war of 1812.

ADAM FAUSNAUGH, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, and was a son of Adam and Mary Elizabeth (Andricks) Fausnaugh. He was raised on the farm and educated in the common schools of Fairfield County. When about sixteen years of age he came to Union County, and has since made this the place of his abode. He early adopted the occupation of a farmer, and has devoted the whole of his life to agricultural pursuits, meeting with well merited success in all his undertakings. He is an energetic, practical farmer, and a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. On April 2, 1861, he was married by Rev. Long, in Delaware County, and has had four children, viz.: Emory E., Sarah E., Louise, deceased, and Lollie May.

WILLIAM FOSTER, retired, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, October 7, 1811. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Parker) Foster, who were the parents of three sons and one daughter. He was reared on a farm and educated in Champaign County. He taught school for six months, and is also a house joiner by occupation, but has devoted himself principally to farming. He now owns about forty-six acres of land two miles northwest of Pharisburg, on which he and his family have resided forty-two years. He was married December 5, 1839, to Miss Elizabeth Wood, one of a family of eight sons and four daughters, born to John and Phebe (Bradford) Wood. She was a native of Champaign County, where she was born April 17, 1818, when that county was still in its youth. By her marriage to our subject, she has had born to her two children.

E. W. FISHER, proprietor of sample room, Magnetic Springs, was born in Portage County, Ohio, August 26, 1857. He is a son of Eli and Susan (Strong) Fisher, natives of Ohio. Our subject was married December 27, 1876, to Magdeline Finley, a daughter of Col. J. H Finley; she was born in April, 1850. Our subject lived in this county until nineteen years of age, when he went to Madison County, and in the fall of 1880 came to Magnetic Springs and engaged in the grocery business, in which he continued six months. He afterward opened billiard rooms and ten pin alleys, which he is conducting, and which furnish a source of recreation to the many visitors at the Springs. Mr. Fisher, though young in years, is an enterprising gentleman and a good citizen. He owns a nice property in the village, which he now occupies.

JAMES C. FISH, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Frederick County, Md., July 20, 1826. He is a son of James C. and Margaret (Easterday) Fish, the former of Irish, and the latter of German descent. Our subject was married October 13, 1852, to Miss Martha A. Farnum, daughter of Henry and Fanny (Hamilton) Farnum, and a native of Columbus, Ohio, where she was born December 9, 1825. Her father was born in Vermont in 1796, and died in Ohio in 1860. Her mother was two months older and a native of Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Fish have had five children, viz.: Clara Jane, wife of George Weaver, born August 29, 1853; J. H., born June 1, 1855, and married to Ella May Amrine, daughter of James and Matilda (Woodford) Amrine; Fannie, born July 8, 1858; Rosa H., born June 13, 1862; and Edward McClellan, born October 5, 1865. Mr. Fish owns 135 acres of land north of Marysville, on which he resides. He is a farmer and stock-raiser by occupation, and makes a specialty of raising cattle. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN FLEMING, retired farmer, P. O. Magnetic Springs, was born in Ross County, Ohio, November 10, 1814. His parents were James Fleming, a native of Ireland, and Jane (Brown) Fleming, a native of Pennsylvania. His father emigrated from Ireland to America at an early day, and afterward came to Ohio. Our subject was raised as a farmer, and continued in that occupation, until in his declining years he has retired from the active duties of his farm and is living a life of retirement. In 1834, he married Phœbe Minter, a native of Ohio, by whom he had thirteen children, seven surviving, viz.: Elizabeth, Margaret, Sarah, John, Rosanna, Belle and Benjamin. Mr. Fleming is a Republican in politics, and during his residence in the township he has filled the offices of Justice of the Peace and Constable. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and until his retirement was a successful farmer.

T. F. GANTT, carpenter and farmer, P. O. Marysville, Ohio, was born in Loudoun County, Va., February 16, 1826. He is a son of Samuel and Mary (Andres) Gantt, natives of Virginia, the former of English and the latter of German descent. Our subject was married June 22, 1852, to Margretta Snell, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Berry) Snell, and a native of Virginia, where she was born April 25, 1825. By this union eight children were born, viz.: Marcus M., T. Tilmore, Franklin L., Stella May, Charley E., Ida Loduska, Clara Etta and Miriam H. Mr. Gantt lived in Knox County from 1832, until 1862, when he came to Union County. He is a carpenter and farmer by occupation, owns sixty-three acres of good land, and works at his trade when opportunity offers.

B. GREEN, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Virginia August 13, 1833, and is a son of William and Matilda (Harden) Green. He emigrated to Ohio in 1854, and located in Guernsey County, where he remained one year, after which he lived in Licking County seventeen years and then came to Union County, which has since been his place of residence. He was married October 2, 1856, to Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew and Lydia (Stoolfire) Deeds. She was born in Pennsylvania December 13, 1839, and emigrated to Ohio with her father when twelve years of age. By their union eight children were born, viz.: William A., deceased; Margaret E., deceased; L. A., A. L., R. C., George B., deceased; A. B. and B. S. Mr. Green is a farmer and stock-raiser by occupation, and owns 151 acres of land. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Grange and Odd Fellows Societies, and with his wife, a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mrs. Green and one daughter are members of Lodge No. 118 Daughters of Rebekah, at Pharisburg.

S. N. HAMNER, farmer, P. O. Ostrander, is a son of James and Ann (Gay) Hamner, natives of Virginia, of English descent, and was born in the Old Dominion October 23, 1850. He was reared on a farm in Virginia, where his parents reside, and attended the common schools of his native county. In 1878, he came to Ohio and located in Delaware County, where he remained until 1881, when he purchased forty-eight acres of land five miles northwest of Ostrander, at $50 per acre, on which he resides. On January 13, 1874, he married Willa, daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Brown) Childress, of Virginia. By this union two children have been born, viz.: Edgar J., born March 17, 1876, and Henry E., born December 16, 1877. Mr. Hamner is purely a self-made man, having obtained the whole of his substance by his own personal efforts. His wife is a member of the Methodist Church.

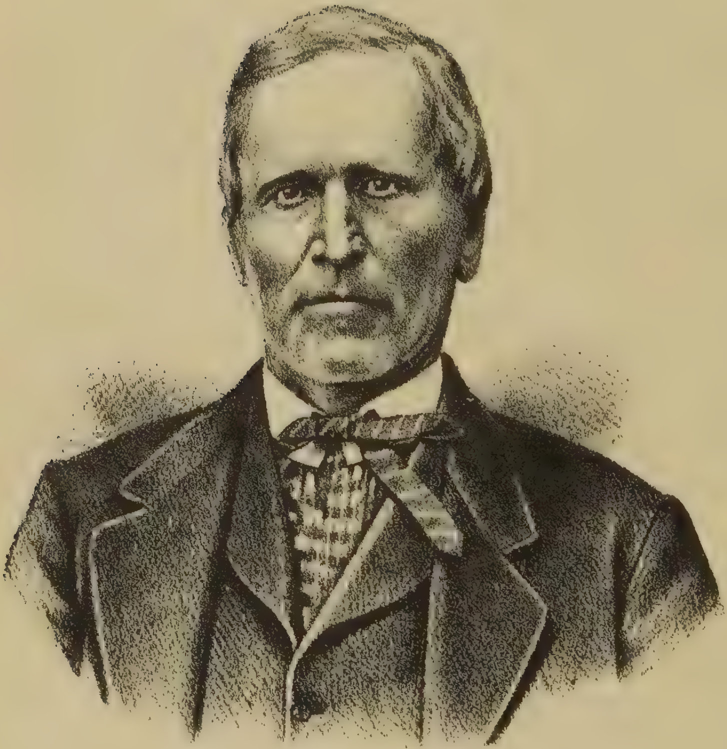
ABRAHAM HALL, farmer, P. O. Magnetic Springs, was born in Richland County, Ohio, March 17, 1821. His parents were Caleb and Sarah (Anderson) Hall, natives of New Jersey, of English descent, and both now deceased, the former dying at the age of fifty-nine years and ten months, and the latter at the age of seventy-three years. They resided in Delaware County for a time, and when Mr. Hall died, Mrs. Hall married Lewis Evans. Our subject was married July 24, 1842, to Catharine Gossage, by whom he had six children, viz.: Cynthia A., William A., J. W., Edward A., Albert P. and Rose Estelle, deceased. Mrs. Hall died August 30, 1865, and on June 24, 1866, Mr. Hall married Mary Alexander, a daughter of Francis and Nancy Alexander, and a native of Virginia, born September 21, 1820. Mr. Hall owns fifty-two acres of land south of Magnetic Springs, on which he resides and which he is engaged in cultivating. He is a member of the Christian Union Church, a Democrat in politics, and for fourteen years has acted as a School Director. He resided in Westerville ten or twelve years, and has been on the farm twenty-five years.

H. C. HOSKINS, farmer, P. O. Magnetic Springs, was born in Leesburg Township January 18, 1832. He is a son of Richard and Ann H. (Martin) Hoskins, the former a native of Franklin County, Ohio, of Welsh descent, and the latter a native of Virginia. The father came to this country when three years of age with his parents, and in 1855 settled on the land now owned by our subject, where he and his wife died. Our subject was raised on the farm and has resided on a farm for twenty-seven years, now owning nearly 148 acres. He was for a time engaged in growing grapes with J. E. Newhouse, to whom he sold his interest in 1866. On October 8, 1868, he married Telitha H., daughter of Moses and Ellen (Prichard) Welsh, a native of Ohio, born in 1842. By her he had one child, who died in infancy. Mrs. Hoskins died January 8, 1870, and on July 20, 1871, Mr. Hoskins married Rebecca Harrod, daughter of John and Telitha (Prichard) Harrod. By this union three children were born, viz.: John R., born October 1, 1872; Telitha Ollie, born September 9, 1874, and Don P., born August 25, 1878. Mr. Hoskins is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

O. JEWETT, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Vermont August 14, 1812; parents were Elam and Lucy (Rice) Jewett, natives of Vermont, of English descent, who emigrated to Franklin County, Ohio, in 1814. Our subject was educated in the common schools of Ohio and received his youthful training on the farm. He followed blacksmithing for about ten years since 1848, and has resided on the farm for twenty four years. He has been twice married: by his first wife, Catharine, whom he married September 28, 1834, he had six children, of whom one only survives, viz., Catharine, wife of Daniel Moren, of Vermont. On March 24, 1850, he married Johanna, daughter of William and Mary Barcus, and a native of Coshocton County, Ohio, where she was born June 7, 1831. The family now consists of the following children: Emily, Lucy, T. P., Minnie, Alice A. and Charles O. Two sons were lost in the war of the rebellion. Mr. Jewett owns eighty acres of land, on which he resides. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, with which he has been connected thirty-five years; a Republican in politics and a member of the Universalist Church. He has acted as School Director and for six or seven years as Justice of the Peace.

HENRY T. JONES farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Richland County, Ohio, May 13, 1850, and is a son of Henry T. and Julia Ann (Burk) Jones. His father was a native of Virginia, of German descent, and emigrated to Union County in 1860. Our subject was raised on a farm; has lived in this county since ten years of age. He operated a threshing machine for fourteen years, after which he ran a saw mill for eighteen months, since which he has been a farmer. He was the eighth child of a family of thirteen children, of whom nine survive. He was married March 12, 1870, to Ruth, daughter of G. W. and Mary E. (Franklin) Cary. She was born in Union County, September 14, 1853. They have had six children, four living, viz.: Nancy M., Nina May, Wilbert A., Roy F., Ray A. and Milo M. Mr. Jones is a member of the subordinate lodge and encampment of Odd Fellows at Richwood.

WILLIAM W. JONES, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, March 28, 1841. His parents were Edward and Ann (Dowing) Jones, the former of Welsh and the latter of Scotch descent. Our subject was reared on a farm and educated in Troy Township, Delaware County. During the rebellion, he enlisted in Company F, Ninety-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Wiser, and served six months. At the battle of Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863, he received a gunshot wound in the hip, which confined him to the hospital at St. Louis for ten months, after which he was discharged. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his



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wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He was married March 25, 1866, to Miss Lydia A. Williams, a daughter of William J. and Lydia (Coonfare) Williams, and a native of Delaware County, born October 27, 1845. By this union six children were born, viz.: Charles, Cora F., Anna S., Rosa D., Willie T. and an infant. Mr. Jones owns nearly 100 acres of land four miles southwest of Richwood, on which he resides.

SAMUEL JOHNSON, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, January 11, 1822. His father, Elias Johnson, was born in Brooke County, W. Va., of Welsh ancestry, July 22, 1794, and died in Ohio, December 3, 1865. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife, Eliza Hide, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, September 26, 1803, and was married when between fourteen and fifteen years of age. They had six children, Elias, Eliza, Elizabeth, Margaret, Louisa and Samuel. Our subject was married March 14, 1850, to Catherine Walters, who was born in Harrison County September 4, 1832. Her grandparents were Jacob and Magdalen Walters, natives of Germany, and Abraham and Julia Ann (Friend) Warner. Her mother was born November 15, 1809, and died February 28, 1880. She was married September 10, 1829, and came to this county forty-eight years ago. Mr. Johnson is a farmer by occupation, and owns about 260 acres of land in York and Leesburg Townships. He has resided in this township since April 19, 1881.

ISRAEL JORDAN, carpenter and farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Licking County, Ohio, June 28, 1822, and is a son of James and Mary (Wells) Jordan, natives of Maine, of English descent, who emigrated to Ohio when Israel was three years of age, and located in Licking County. Our subject early adopted the occupation of farming, to which he had been reared, also learning and working at the carpenter trade. He was educated at Hartford, where he remained until eighteen years of age, receiving a thorough English education. In politics, he is an old line Democrat, having cast his first ballot for Martin Van Buren. He came to this county about twenty-five years ago and for a full quarter of a century has made this the place of his abode.

J. L. JOLLIFF, merchant, Magnetic Springs, son of Eli Jolliff, deceased, and Margaret (Wells) Jolliff, was born in Union County, Ohio, January 20, 1857, and on April 11, 1880, married Emma Hoskins, a daughter of J. M. and Elizabeth (Fleming) Hoskins, and a native of Leesburg Township. By this union one child was born, namely: Clyde H., born April 5, 1881. Our subject's mother married for a second husband William Holt, with whom she and family moved to Missouri in 1874. While there, J. L. taught school for five years in Grundy County. He also read law for eighteen months. On January 23, 1882, he engaged in mercantile business, in which he still continues under the firm name of Hill & Jolliff. He is a member of Mt. Carmel Lodge, No. 303, F. & A. M., Richwood Lodge, No. 443, I. O. O. F.; a Republican in politics and a member of the Christian Church. Mrs. Jolliff is also a member of the Christian Church and of Leesburg Lodge of Daughters of Rebekah.

ISAAC JOLLIFF, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, October 23, 1840, and on October 22, 1861, married Mary Olaughlin, daughter of James and Mary (Crow) Olaughlin, and a native of Ireland, where she was born May 29, 1838. By this marriage, thirteen children have been born, viz.: James L., John W., Charles E., George W., Hannah A., Martin S. and Samuel L., twins, Ladora E., Nora I., Maggie V., an infant deceased, Benjamin C. and Letta J Mr. Jolliff is a farmer by occupation and owns 100 acres of well-improved land, on which he resides. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Christian Church. James L., his son, was married July 4, 1880, to Martha, daughter of John and Adeline (Wells) Maskill, and a native of Ohio, where she was born August 10, 1863. They have one child, Freddie G., born May, 1881.

LEVI KEERAN, farmer, P. O. Marysville, Ohio, was born in Culpeper County, Va., June 28, 1829. He is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Lilly) Keeran, natives of Virginia. He early adopted the pursuits of a farmer, and has since devoted his life to farming and stock-raising, being particularly interested in the raising of sheep, of which he now has nearly 200 head on his farm. In August, 1864, he became the Superintendent of the County Infirmary, in which capacity he served until March 7, 1871, and again from 1877 to 1879. He took charge of the institution when there were but eight inmates, and left it with an enrollment of forty. He now owns fifty acres of land in Taylor Township, and fifty-eight acres in this township, on which he resides, giving the whole of his attention to his farm operations. He was married in September, 1855, to Caroline Olds, daughter of C. J. and Mary (Morse) Olds, the former a native of New York State, of English descent, and the latter a native of Grandisland, of French descent; by this union twelve children were born, viz.: William Wallace, Henry L., deceased, Mary E., deceased, Eva C., Albert C., George D., Eli M., Walter M., deceased, Arthur, deceased, Robert O., Lewis M., deceased, and Lucy P. Mr. and Mrs. Keeran are members of the M. E. Church. He was a Democrat in politics, until the time of Buchanan, when he severed his connection with that party. He acted as Township Trustee for two terms, and as a School Director for many years.

M. F. LANGSTAFF, Magnetic Springs, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, August 27, 1855. His father, E. W. Langstaff, son of Asa L. and Laney Ann Langstaff, was born in Muskingum County in February, 1831. His mother Elizabeth (Norman) Langstaff, daughter of John and Jane Norman, was born in Muskingum County, in 1832. They had nine children, five sons and four daughters, viz.: Laney Ann, wife of William Ferguson; Frances M., deceased; M. F. Adolphus, deceased; William, deceased; Emma, wife of J. C. Cameron; Ida, Judson and John. Our subject was married in Leesburg Township, December 2, 1877, by the late Rev. J. W. Hoskins, to Mary T., daughter of William Finley, deceased, and Ura (Newhouse) Finley, the latter now the wife of David Schwartz. Mrs. Langstaff has an only sister who is now the wife of Martin Hair; one brother William, and two half brothers, Gilmore and Earnest. Our subject learned the trade of a carpenter with J. W. Newhouse, and for the past nine years has followed his trade, during that time also contracting for the building of houses. He is also concerned in the management of a bath house at Magnetic Springs. He is a Republican in politics. Mrs. Langstaff is a member of the Christian Church.

REV. I. N. MCVAY, pastor of the M. P. Church, Pharisburg, is a son of Luther and Jane (Patterson) McVay, natives of Pennsylvania, and was born in Washington County, Penn., June 30, 1810. On July 19, 1832, he was married in Clinton County, by William Antram, J. P., to Belinda, daughter of Robert and Henrietta (Fairfax) West, and a native of Brown County, Ohio, born January 30, 1811. They had eleven children, viz.: Jane, deceased, Robert, John, Polly Ann, Nancy C., deceased, Harrison W., Henrietta, Sallie, deceased, Martha Etta, Lavina and Isaac. Mr. McVay was raised as a farmer, but also worked at blacksmithing, carpentering, wagon making, boot and shoe making, coopering, masonry, etc. He has been a minister of the M. P. Church two score years, and in Pharisburg twenty-three years. He was a local preacher sixteen years. He cast his first vote for Gen. Jackson, for President, after which he was a Republican until recently he has become a Prohibitionist. He is a member of Mt. Carmel Lodge, No. 808, at Richwood.

DARIUS McINTIRE, retired farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Clark County, Ohio, May 15, 1823. He is a son of James and Nancy (Roback) McIntire, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of Irish and the latter of Dutch descent. They had ten children, five boys and five girls of whom two boys and one girl survive. Our subject, who was the ninth child, was brought up on the farm, and has followed farming until recently, when he retired from active life. His wife Betsey was born June 11, 1828, and was married June 27, 1848. They have three children—Elatha Ann, born January 12, 1851, wife of Francis M. Clevenger, by whom she has one child, Sarah Jane, born November 25, 1872; Clarissa J., born April 30, 1858, wife of Francis M. Loy; and James I., born July 4, 1860. Mr. McIntire enlisted on September 14, 1861, in the Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served fifteen months; he was also a member of the One Hundredth Ohio Cavalry.

JOHN McALLISTER, farmer, P. O. Magnetic Springs, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, November 4, 1829. He is the sixth son of John McAllister, deceased, a native of Pickaway County, of Scotch-Irish descent, and Mary (Grattan) McAllister, a native of Virginia, of Dutch and Irish descent. They had eleven children, of whom six survive. Our subject was married March 1, 1853, to Hester Ann, fifth child of ten children born to John and Keziah (Johnson) Bird, the former of Dutch descent and now deceased, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent. She was born in Knox County, Ohio, February 17, 1833, and by her Mr. McAllister has had ten children, viz.: Zoa Z., born May 12, 1854, wife of H. D. Wright; Oscar R., born September 7, 1855, died October 28, 1855; Silva Z., born December 22, 1856, wife of Frank Bruce; John W., born December 15, 1858, died December 13, 1879; Orin K., born April 20, 1861, died May 20, 1862; Emma R., born August 8, 1863; Elva B., born March 28, 1866; Dillon, born January 30, 1868; Owen C., born March 27, 1870; and Frank, born August 12, 1873. Mr. McAllister is a farmer and a Republican and has been Township Trustee several years. His father served in the war of 1812.

D. McLEAN, farmer, P. O. Magnetic Springs, was born at Washington C. H., Fayette County, Ohio, January 3, 1838, and on October 23, 1859, married Joanna Degood, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Thomas and Joanna Degood, the former of English and the latter of Scotch descent. By this union three children were born, viz.: Orville, born February 10, 1861; Rosetta, born March 6, 1863, and Lewis, born April 1, 1865. Mr. Degood owns 108 acres of good land two miles southeast of Magnetic Springs, on which he resides. He is also the holder of a one-fourth interest in the bath-house at the Springs. In politics, he has espoused the cause of the Prohibition party, and is an earnest advocate of all works of reform. His grandmother Degood was a niece of Admiral Nelson. His parents, Daniel and Helen (Boyd) McLean, were natives of Ohio, of Scotch descent. The name McLean is traceable far back among the old Scottish clans, one of that name having been the chief of a powerful clan during the fifteenth century.

JOSEPH MOREY, farmer, P. O. Magnetic Springs, was born in Knox County, Ohio, August 5, 1823, and remained in that county until fourteen years of age, after which he lived several years in Indiana and in Shelby County, Ohio, his mother dying in the latter place. He also resided six years in Delaware County, after which he came to Union County. He was married in Knox County, Ohio, October 8, 1846, to Elizabeth, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Ports) Gossage, and a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, where she was born March 28, 1826. By this union ten children were born, viz.: Cordelia A., Sarah M., Hannah A., Joseph G., Adam L., Benjamin F., Mary E., William S., Laura D. and Hattie. Of these, eight are living and four are married and have families. Mr. Morey is a farmer and owns 125 acres in this township, on which he resides. He is a Prohibtionist in politics, and for forty years has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which his wife has been a member thirty years; he has acted as a class-leader and steward. His parents were John and Hannah (Gosnell) Morey, natives of New York State, the former of English and Scotch and the latter of Dutch and English descent.

GEORGE MAY, farmer, P. O. Magnetic Springs, son of James and Mary (Moore) May, was born in Pennsylvania May 9, 1848, and came to Ohio at the age of fifteen years. He was reared on a farm and received his education in the district schools of his native State. He has adopted farming for a life occupation and now owns land near Magnetic Springs. On March 22, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Ann Morey, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gossage) Morey, whose sketch appears in this work. She was born July 22, 1847, and by her Mr. May has had five children, viz.: Roselby, born January 19, 1872, and died January 4, 1880; Ora, born September 22, 1876, deceased; James R., born October 16, 1872; Mary Ann, born May 7, 1877, and Jennie, born April 2, 1880.

H. S. MAY, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Crawford County, Ohio, January 9, 1830. He is a son of William and Sarah (Burchfield) May, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of Irish and the latter of German descent. Our subject early commenced the life of a farmer, and has spent his life in that occupation. He occupies a farm of fifty-three acres of land, one and one-half miles south of Pharisburg, which he cultivates in a successful manner. In 1867, he married Virginia (Evans) McAdow, widow of James W. McAdow, deceased; by this union one child has been born, viz.: Frances Lena, born February 12, 1870. Mr. May is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the M. P. Church. Mrs. May is of Irish and English descent, her parents both being natives of the "Old Dominion," the father of Irish and the mother of English parentage.

RICHARD MAYFIELD, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Licking County, Ohio, October 24, 1837, and is a son of William and Eleanor (Conaway) Mayfield, natives of Ohio, and the latter a daughter of David Conaway. At the age of nine years our subject went to Delaware County, where he lived until January 20, 1860, when he married Malinda, a daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Thompson) Ross, and a native of Ohio, born October 20, 1840. After their marriage they moved to Marion County and thence to Union County, where they have since resided. They have had five children, three boys and two girls, viz.: Edward S., Jennie O., Emma C., Richard and William. Mr. Mayfield is a Republican in politics and a farmer by occupation, now owning 115 acres where he resides. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He enlisted for three months during the rebellion, in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Wallace, and was in service nearly five months. He is a member of Pharisburg Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F.

JOHN Mc. HAMILTON, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born December 9, 1807. His father was James Hamilton, son of Thomas and Lydia Hamilton. His mother was Margaret (McClain) Hamilton. Our subject received his education in Holmes County, Ohio, and came to his present residence when the whole of the surrounding country was covered with forest. In 1838, he married Lucinda, daughter of Lewis and Jane (McClain) Bonnett. By this union seven children, two sons and five daughters, were born, of whom the following survive: Margaret Jane, Isabel and William. The latter married Ellen Fogal and has four children—Lewis L., Mary C., Nettie J. and Frederick D. Josiah, a deceased son, enlisted in Company D, Thirteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was taken prisoner at Stone River, but was paroled and again captured at Kenesaw Mountain. He was confined in Andersonville Prison, where he died September 22, 1863. He was a good soldier, and took part in several hotly contested battles during his term of service.

HUGH E. MOORE, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Union County, Ohio, March 12, 1856. He is a son of Jonathan and Mary Ann (Scott) Moore, the former a native of Warren County, of English descent, and the latter a native of Knox County, of Irish descent. His mother came to Union County when four years of age, with her parents, William and Fanny (Barcus) Scott. They settled on 103 acres adjoining what is now known as the "Scott farm" which consists of 113 acres, both farms being occupied now by our subject. On this land there is a church, schoolhouse and graveyard. Mr. Moore was married May 4, 1880, to Mary J., daughter of Eli and Jane (Lee) Hildebrant; she was born August 29, 1860, and by her Mr. Moore has one child, William Curtis, born June 17, 1881. Mr. Moore is a Democrat in politics. Though young in years he is a thorough farmer, well posted in all that pertains to his occupation and very successful in all his farm operations. He makes a specialty of raising sheep and cattle.

R. T. McALLISTER, farmer and stock-dealer, P. O. Marysville. Ohio, was born, of Scotch-Irish parentage, in Adams County, Penn., in 1827. His parents removed in 1830, to Delaware County, Ohio, where he was raised near Sunbury, receiving a common school education only. In October, 1851, he married Martha C. Gale, a daughter of William Gale, at Delaware, Ohio, they have six children, viz.: Mary, who is married to James B. Cole, an attorney at law, of Marysville, Ohio; Abdiel T.; William G., who married Josephine McFadden; Lemington W., R. T., Jr., and Emma. Abdiel T. is in the United States service, in the Pension office at Washington, D. C.; William G., Lemington W. and R. T., Jr., are farmers near Marysville; Emma resides with her parents. Mr. McAllister resides in Leesburg Township, Union County, Ohio, where he owns a fine farm of about 900 acres, which he has by industry and energy reclaimed from the forests and put in a high state of cultivation and improvement. Mr. McAllister has been honored by election by his fellow-citizens to various public offices. While yet very young, he was for five years Assessor of Berkshire Township, Delaware County, and afterward was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners of that county. In the latter position, he was an efficient instrument in recovering a large sum of money for the county, which had been lost by default of one of the county officers; also in collecting their part of the "Surplus Revenue Fund," which had long been neglected. At the breaking-out of the rebellion, he offered his services as a private in defense of the Union, but was rejected on account of physical disability. He afterward was elected Colonel of one of the "Home Guard" regiments, and went into the camp of instruction at Piqua, Ohio, but their services proving to be unnecessary they were soon discharged. The services of the regiment were then tendered to the Governor to go out of the State, but were declined. In 1865, he removed to his present residence in Union County. He has served three years as Commissioner of Union County, during which time he was largely intrusted with the superintendence and management of the gravel road-building, which was then being most vigorously carried on throughout the county, and discharged said duties with marked ability, being noted for the thorough and substantial work he insisted upon and obtained in the interest of the tax payers. In 1880, he was elected by the Republicans of the Thirteenth District, composed of Union, Logan, Hardin and Marion Counties, a member of the State Board of Equalization, in which capacity he served his full term, and secured for his district material benefits in reduced taxation. He was noted as one of the most indefatigable workers on the board. Mr. McAllister's chief characteristics for which he is most widely known, are strict integrity and high busines ability, courageous independence of spirit as a public man, and keen, clear and comprehensive perceptions in regard to public interests and affairs, for which and many other good qualities he is highly esteemed in the community.

ALEXANDER NEEL, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Pennsylvania, and lived in Greene County, Ohio, until eleven years of age, when he moved to Knox County, with his parents, and from there they went West. His parents were both of Irish descent. His father was born in Pennsylvania in 1800, and his mother one year later. Our subject was married September 26, 1844, to Charlotte Warwick, a daughter of Thomas Warwick, and a native of Licking County, Ohio. By this union six children were born, of whom five survive, viz.: Thomas, Rhoda Ellen, wife of Jonathan Fayman; Mary, wife of William Hite; William A. and John H. Mr. Neel owns about 119 acres of land in this township, on which he resides, and which he is engaged in cultivating. He and his wife are members of the Deciples Church. His grandparents were Barnett and Martha (Hughes) Neel.

J. C. NEVILLE, plasterer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, September 20, 1835. His parents were William and Mary (Smith) Neville, the former of French and the latter of English extraction. Our subject received his education in the public schools of his native State, and upon reaching a proper age learned the trade of a plasterer, which he is now following and at which he has worked for twenty-seven years. On July 27, 1857, when about twenty-two years of age, he was united in marriage with Miss Diana Baldwin, by whom he has had born to him four children, one deceased, viz.: Martha R., Ida, deceased, Alice and David W.

M. B. NEWHOUSE, carpenter and builder, Magnetic Springs, son of John and Rebecca Newhouse, whose sketch appears in this work, was born in Union County, Ohio, in January, 1855. He was raised on the farm and received his education in the district schools. He remained on the farm until twenty years of age, in the meantime learning carpentering with his brother, which trade he has followed for the past twelve years. He owns a residence at Magnetic Springs, which he built in 1880 and which was one of the first houses on the village plat. He also built a second house in 1881, which is valued at $2,000. On September 1, 1882, while engaged in hoisting a derrick to be used in sinking a drive well, he was crushed to the earth by by a part of the derrick falling on him, but miraculously escaped without serious injury. His first contracting was done in Iowa in 1876, and he has also been as far west as Nebraska. On July 1, 1877, he married Eliza J., a daughter of William and Jane (Williams) McGee, and a native of Delaware County. They have two children—Cora Belle, born April 10, 1878, and Alice Nevada, born in July, 1880. Both parents are members of the Christian Church.

J. E. NEWHOUSE, the leading business man at the village of Magnetic Springs and the originator of the water-cure establishment at that place, is a son of John and Sophia (McCune) Newhouse, whose biography appears in this work. He was born in Union County, Ohio, in February, 1845, and was reared on a farm, receiving his education in the district schools of his county and at Marysville. At the age of twenty years, he began the cultivation of grapes and small fruits, and in one season raised as many as 14,000 pounds of grapes, part of which were made into wine and the rest shipped. In 1879, he discovered the medical properties of the Magnetic Springs, and at once began preparing accommodations and opening facilities that would induce the health and pleasure seeking public to make it a place of resort. A village charter was applied for and obtained and a village of considerable size platted, with spacious lots, broad and straight streets and wide alleys. For the first six months after the plat of the village was made, it received but about a half dozen additional buildings, and, while every one who tested the waters were satisfied of their medicinal worth, but few had confidence in the success of the enterprise. The next year, however, marked an evident increase in the settlement, and the success of the enterprise became a certainty. The place has now become a thriving village, and hundreds of the afflicted visit it annually to receive the benefit of its pain-destroying waters. These waters are so strongly charged with magnetism that a knife submerged in them for an instant becomes imbued with loadstone qualities in a marked degree. A flow of nearly 18,000 gallons of water are obtained in twenty-four hours, and the bath-houses of Newhouse, McClain & Co. furnish facilities for 400 baths per day. The water is used for drinking, bathing and toilet purposes, and large quantities are annually shipped for outside consumption. The first well sunk was seventy-seven feet deep, and soon another was sunk of like depth and a pumping capacity of five barrels per minute furnished. Many people of wealth have purchased lots in the village and on them erected neat and comfortable residences, and it has been estimated that fully one hundred additional buildings will be erected during the spring of 1883. A very strong sulphur spring was discovered recently about one mile from the village, and fourteen acres of ground surrounding it have been purchased by the proprietors of Magnetic Springs, with a view of converting it into a park and connecting it with the Magnetic Springs by an avenue, using it as a pleasure ground for the patrons of the latter resort. The gentleman who is the principal factor of these enterprises and whose name heads this sketch was married to Francis E. Brown, a daughter of A. C. and Nancy (Steel) Brown, and by her has three children, viz.: May, born in September, 1868, Ray, born January 1, 1874, and Laura Lee, born in December, 1876. Mr. Newhouse began life with one acre of ground, and now by dint of his indominitable energy he has become the head of one of the most enterprising and successful firms in the State.

JOHN NEWHOUSE, retired farmer, Magnetic Springs, was born in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway Co., Ohio, December 14, 1806. He is a son of Anthony and Nancy (Coons) Newhouse, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of English and the latter of German descent. They emigrated to Ohio in 1798, and settled in Pickaway County, where they lived until 1814, when they moved to Delaware County, in which both died. Our subject was married, June 4, 1830, to Sophia McCune, a daughter of James and Polly (Junk) McCune, and a native of Delaware County, born April 10, 1810. By this union, eight children were born, three sons and five daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter survive, viz., James M., Martha, widow of Jacob Hoskins, and John E. Mrs. Newhouse died, and on September 29, 1851, Mr. Newhouse married Rebecca McAllister, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, December 29, 1820; she is a daughter of John and Mary (Gratton) McAllister, who came to this county in 1834. By this second marriage two children were born, Marshall, who married Jane McGee, and Celinda, wife of James C. Brown. Mr. Newhouse is a member of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 303, F. & A. M., and an old Jacksonian Democrat in politics, having cast his first vote for "Old Hickory," the leader of the party. He has acted as Township Trustee for many years in his township, but about ten months ago he retired from business, and is now enjoying life in a comfortable home at Magnetic Springs. He came to this township when there were but twelve voters, and resided on the farm from which he has retired, since 1834. He is a member of the Pioneer Association.

J. K. NORRIS, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, February 16, 1837. His parents were Jeremiah and Margaret (Harris) Norris, natives of England. The former came to Ohio after he was grown; the latter emigrated from England to New York, thence to Virginia and to Ohio, when twelve years of age. They had a family of four boys and five girls, of whom four boys and two girls survive. Our subject was married, March 4, 1859, to Ann L., daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Scofield) Pennypacker. She was born in 1836 and died April 18, 1870. They had six children—Margaret, deceased; Alexander, Sarah, Eleanor, deceased, James, deceased, and Jeremiah. On March 5, 1875, Mr. Norris was again married to Elizabeth, daughter of William and Betsey (Scott) Ports. She was born in Delaware County in 1849. By this union two children were born—Charles, born October 24, 1878, Iva, born February 8, 1876 Mr. Norris is a farmer and owns ninety-three acres of land, on which he resides. He is a Republican and a member of the Patrons of Husbandry. Mrs. Norris is a member of the M. P. Church.

LESTER OLIVER, farmer, P. O. Magnetic Springs, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, July 31, 1842. His parents were Reuben Oliver, who was born January 1, 1812, and died April 9, 1862, and Zura Ann (White) Oliver, a native of New York State. He was a member of Company D, Eighty-second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the late war. Mr. Oliver resided in Fulton and Henry Counties for a time and from 1880 to 1882, was engaged in the livery business with J. H. Trickey at Magnetic Springs. He now owns two good buildings well adapted to that business, and is still an ardent admirer of fine stock, horses especially. He owns a good farm of ninety-five acres, north of Magnetic Springs, on which he resides, and where he is engaged in farming. He is a member of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 303, F. & A. M.

J. R. OWEN, harness-maker, Magnetic Springs, was born in Union County, Ohio, October 5, 1848. He is a son of Warrett and Emily (Farnham) Owen, the former a native of Ohio, of Welsh descent, born in 1828, and the other a "Yankee." Our subject was married June 6, 1872, to Anna C., daughter of Benjamin and Matilda (Spout) Gamble; she was born in Watkins May 26, 1852, and by her Mr. Owen has two children—Emma, born April 11, 1873, and John W., born January 7, 1876. Mr. Owen is a harness-maker by occupation, and has plied his trade for the past fourteen years. He was educated in the district schools and at Marysville. He was burned out at Watkins, Ohio, in 1881, and afterward came to this place. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church. He owns a nice residence at the Springs, in which he and his family live.

HENRY K POWELL, farmer, P. O. Rockwood, was born in Marion County, Ohio, December 14, 1839. He is a son of John and Hannah (Crawford) Powell, natives of Ohio, the latter deceased. Our subject was educated and raised in Marion County. He owned and operated a saw-mill and thresher for more than a quarter of a century, and now devotes his time to farming. He was married April 5, 1860, to Cynthia A. Thatcher, who was born March 15, 1842, and died March 10, 1868. They had two children, John H., deceased, and Joseph W. On June 10, 1869, Mr. Powell married Melissa, daughter of Charles and Jane (Graham) Crouso. By this union they had four children—Francis E., Charles, deceased, Henry W. and Eva Leah. Mr. Powell enlisted in 1861, in the Ninth Ohio Cavalry, but was transferred to Company B, of the Tenth, and served three years. He took part in the battles of Chickamauga, Atlanta, Buzzard's Roost, Smithfield, Blue Ridge, Jonesboro, and other engagements. He is a Republican, and a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities.

A. T. PERRY, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born at Delaware, Ohio, August 18, 1847. His parents were Henry Perry, a native of Delaware County, of Welsh descent, and Martha (Lavender) Perry, the latter born *en route* while her parents were emigrating to this State. They had four children, viz.: Oliver, Maggie, O. E., wife of G. W. Stevens, and our subject. The latter was married at Prospect, Marion County, by Rev. C. B. Hill, to Laura, daughter of William and Sarah (Rhodes) Irving, the former a native of New York State. She was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, November 23, 1842, and was one of seven children, the others being Jacob, John, Joseph, Frank, Mary and Catharine, wife of S. B. Dilsaver. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have four children, viz.: Platt, born October 20, 1869; Rolin P., born June 20, 1871; Jennie, born September, 20, 1873, died September 3, 1877; and William H., born July 6, 1880. Mr. Perry owns 100 acres of land on which he has resided since his marriage, and which he has successfully cultivated since then.

DANIEL REAM, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Ross County, Ohio, July 29, 1820. His parents were John and Catharine (Redman) Ream, natives of Pennsylvania, who emigrated to Ohio at a very early day, and were among the pioneers of the Buckeye State. Our subject was married, April 27, 1840, to Harriet Muncy, daughter of Thomas Muncy, and a native of Delaware County, Ohio, where she was born in 1822. By this union thirteen children were born, of whom twelve survive. Mrs. Ream dying, three years later Mr. Ream was again married.

A. W. ROBINSON, hotel-keeper, Magnetic Springs, was born in Union County, Ohio, March 30, 1829. He is a son of Asa and Ann Catharine Robinson, the former a native of Massachusetts, of English descent, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent. Our subject was married, December 18, 1851, to Elizabeth E., a daughter of William D. and Jane (Trusler) Kirkland, and a native of Tennessee, born May 16, 1831. By this union they have three daughters—Jennie C., Elizabeth E. and Mollie M.—all now living. Our subject is a farmer by occupation, and owns a fine farm near the Springs, which furnishes the hotel tables with vegetables in their season, he being one of the proprietors of the hotel conducted under the firm name of Savage & Robinson. This house was built in 1880, and has been used as a hotel since June, 1881; it contains forty-three rooms, thirteen of which are double, furnishing ample accommodations for the many guests entertained there every summer. Mr. Robinson read medicine with an older brother for eighteen months, and has paid some attention to the treatment of cancers and chronic diseases. He is a member of Delaware Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., at Delaware, Ohio, a Republican in politics, and with his wife a member of the Christian Church.

WILLIAM H. STYER, farmer, P. O. Claibourne, is a son of Joseph T. and Abigail M. (Carns) Styer, and was born in Knox County, Ohio, January 4, 1852. His parents were married in Union County in 1850, and had seven children, viz.: Adeline, Charles, William H., Martha E., James S., George A. and Eber. His grandparents were Joseph and Rachel Styer, and William and Jane Carns. Our subject was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools. He married Lizzie Maskill, who was born in Union County January 12, 1851. She is a daughter of John and Adeline (Wells) Maskill, the former a native of Clark County and the latter of Ross County. Her grandparents were Robert and Isabelle Maskill. Mr. Styer has five children, viz.: Millie M., born February 16, 1876; Arthur, born May 29, 1877; Carrie, born December 31, 1878; Webb L., born October 12, 1880; and John S., born June 24, 1882. Mrs. Styer was educated at the Marysville High School, and taught nine terms in six schools of this county. Mr. Styer is a Republican in politics. His wife is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church.

NELSON SMITH, farmer, P. O. Claibourne, is a son of John and Rebecca (Tracy) Smith, and was born December 14, 1832. On May 27, 1853, he married Ann Jane Crawford, by whom he had seven children, viz.: Alsenia E., John E., Sarah, Josephine, David, Sherman and two infants, deceased. Mrs. Smith died August 25, 1873, and on December 24, 1873, Mr. Smith married Margaret A., daughter of Thomas R. Price, and a native of Tuscarawas County, born in June, 1834. Mr. Smith owns 107 acres of land on which he is engaged in farming and stock-raising. He owns a celebrated horse which was imported by W. H. Hawk and J. F. Smith. It is a dapple gray, weighing 1,800 pounds, and was purchased August 31, 1881, at a cost of $15,000. He also has two very fine mares which he keeps for stock purposes. Mr. Smith is a member of the Grange, and of the M. P. Church. He is a Republican in politics, and has lived in the county twenty-three years.

JOSEPHUS SMITH, farmer and veterinary surgeon, P. O. Claybourn, was born in Fayette County, Ohio, October 16, 1828. He is a son of John and Rebecca (Tracy) Smith, the former a native of Greenbrier County, Va., and the latter a native of Maryland, and came to Highland County, Ohio, in 1812. Our subject was married December 18, 1850, to Elizabeth Carson, who was born in 1833. She died and on March 2, 1862, Mr. Smith married Eliza Ann, daughter of John and Polly Earheart. She was born in Ross County, Ohio, September 2, 1834, and by her five children were born, viz: Ellraphy, deceased, aged eight months; Anthraatis, born October 12, 1865; Amanetta, born November 11, 1868; Wilbur Crawson and Josephus, born October 30, 1879. Mr. Smith was a member of the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry from May 2 to September, 1864. He is a farmer and veterinary surgeon, having practiced the latter profession successfully for thirty-three years. He owns fifty acres of land, on which he resides.

ISAAC STOUFER, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., in 1835, and is a son of John and Nancy (Harvey) Stoufer. His parents moved from Pennsylvania to Muskingum County, Ohio, where they remained three or four years, and about 1857 came to Union County. They settled about one mile west of where our subject now lives, but soon afterward moved to Wyandot County, where the father died. The wife still survives and is residing at Larue, Ohio, in the seventy-seventh year of her age. Our subject was raised in town in Pennsylvania, and, during a part of his residence, in Muskingum County, and has provided for himself since twelve or thirteen years of age. He conducted an ashery in Pharisburg for a time. and for about fifteen years operated a saw mill. In 1857, he married Miss Mary Welsh, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Welsh, by whom he had one child—Laura, deceased, aged two years. Mrs. Stoufer died in 1862, and in 1867 he married Mattie Langstaff, daughter of James H. and Catharine (Dixon) Langstaff, and by her has one child, viz., Laura, born August 10, 1880. Mr. Stoufer purchased sixty acres of land one mile north of Pharisburg, in 1867, and turned his attention to farming. In the spring of 1882, he disposed of his farm and purchased one hundred and sixty acres where he now resides and on which he has recently erected a handsome and commodious two-story frame residence. He is a Republican in politics, but, having no aspirations for official honors, he has never been called to serve in any official capacity.

A. J. SMITH, farmer, manufacturer of pressed brick and tile and proprietor of a saw mill, Magnetic Springs, is one of the prominent citizens of the township. His father, a native of Virginia, of English descent, emigrated to Ohio at an early day and settled in Fayette County. In 1824, he married, in Ross County, Christina Howard, a native of Pennsylvania, who also came to Ohio at an early day and settled in Fayette County. They had a family of eight children, five boys and three girls; both parents died in Union County. Our subject was married in 1864 to Sarah Ann Redding, a daughter of William and Priscilla Redding, the former of Dutch and the latter of English descent. She was born June 4, 1842, and by her Mr. Smith has had eight children, viz.: William S. T., Flora R., Rosalie, Lilla M., Andrew J., Minnie A. and Benjamin F. and Frederick W., twins. Mr. Smith was raised on the Black farm, to which he went when four years of age, and remained until twenty-four. After his marriage, he was "burned out" at Pike's Peak, and in 1869 he went to the Rocky Mountains, where he remained one year and dug for gold nine months. He at one time owned over 800 acres of land in Ohio and Iowa, but now owns only 140 acres, on which he has 500 or 600 rods of hedge fence. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Granger's fraternity. He makes farming the principal object of his attention, but also operates a saw mill and manufactures drain tile extensively and is engaged in the cultivation of grapes.

ROBERT B. SMITH, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, son of Andrew and Jane (Barr) Smith, natives of Pennsylvania, was born in Washington County, Penn., July 12, 1837, and emigrated to Ohio at the age of sixteen years. On December 15, 1864, he married Margaret Westlake, a daughter of Josiah and Christina (Krouff) Westlake, and a native of Belmont County, Ohio, where she was born September 15, 1836. They have had three children, viz.: Eva J., born January 27, 1866, Josephine C., born February, 1869, and William Barr, born January 26, 1871. Our subject was reared to farm life and has made farming his life occupation. His paternal grandparents were James Smith and Jane, his wife. His maternal grandparents were Robert Barr and Christina, his wife. His wife's grandparents were Samuel Westlake and Elizabeth Reed, his wife.

GEORGE SHREYER, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Germany February 2, 1812, and was a son of Adam and Margaret (Helman) Shreyer. He emigrated to America and thirty-five years ago located where he now resides. He is a farmer by occupation, and has succeeded in accumulating 221 acres of land. He was married April 19, 1839, to Catherine, daughter of Jacob and Ann Catherine (Sicrist) Weaver, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, where she was born February 22, 1820. By this union ten children were born, viz., Jacob, who married Anna W. Wagner and now lives in Fairfield County; Ada, deceased; Ann C., Phebe Margaret, Samuel W., who lives in Kansas; Keziah, Frances R. Mary Alice, Della Maria and Emma Phonetta. The last named is the only one residing at home, the others being married and settled elsewhere.

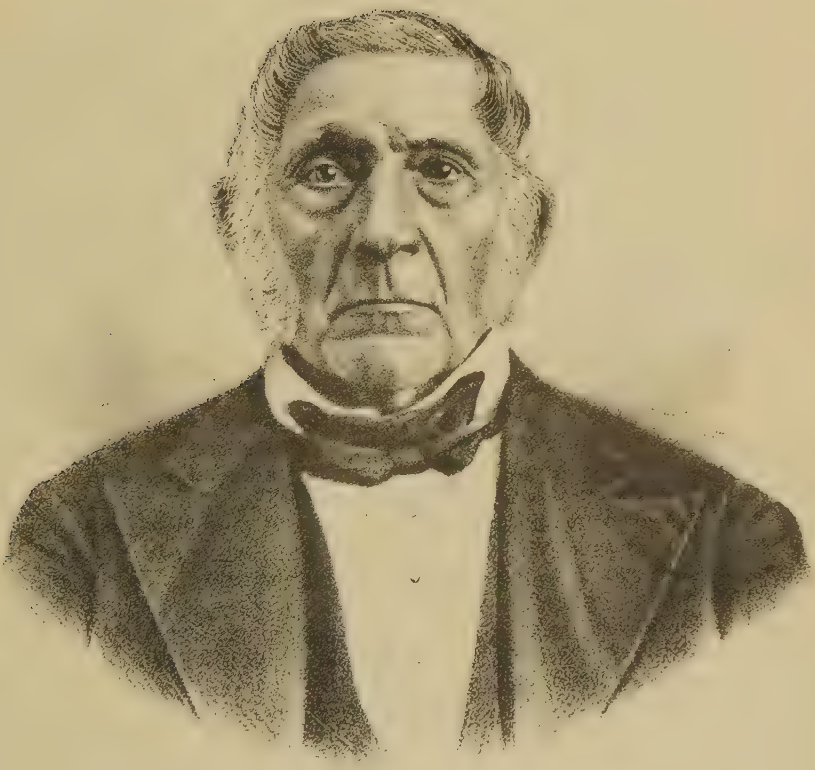
ROBERT SHARP, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Ross County, Ohio, September 24, 1810. He is a son of Henry and Nancy (Travilian) Sharp, natives of Albemarle County, Va., the former of English and the latter of French descent. Our subject was married September 4, 1833, to Ann, daughter of Jacob and Eleanor (Devoss) Davis, natives of Ross County, Ohio. By this union five children were born, viz., Allen T., deceased, born July 21, 1834; Matilda, wife of David Cahill, born March 17, 1836; William, born May 6, 1838, a soldier in the Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Clarissa, wife of D. R. Armitage, born April 27, 1840; and Russel B., born July 6, 1843. Mrs. Sharp died November 15, 1844, aged thirty-one years, and on November 12, 1846, Mr. Sharp married Julia Organ, daughter of John and Susannah (Teter) Organ, a native of Champaign County. By her he had two children—Charles W., born December 22, 1852, and Jennie R., born October 30, 1865. Mr. Sharp owns a farm of eighty-two acres of land, upon which he resides, where he devotes his time wholly to farming and stock dealing. He has crossed the Alleghany Mountains twenty-six times during his life, in the prosecution of his business. He was Superintendent of the County Infirmary for several years; Deputy Sheriff four years under James B. Whelpley, and Sheriff two terms; Coroner one year, and, in the latter capacity, held an inquest on the body of C. S. Hamilton, who was killed by his son. Mr. Sharp is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has been a class-leader forty years, and of the Palestine Lodge, No. 158, F. & A. M., and Royal Arch Chapter, No. 99, F. & A. M. His father was born in 1784.

JOHN N. TRICKEY, proprietor livery stable, Magnetic Springs, was born in Licking County, Ohio, July 6, 1848; he is a son of Christopher and Caroline (Redmon) Trickey, the former a native of West Virginia, of German descent, and the latter of Irish parentage. Our subject grew up on the farm, receiving such schooling as was attainable in the country schools. He followed farming until July 22, 1881, when he engaged in the livery business with Lester Oliver; the latter having since retired. John Mickey has been taken into the firm, under the name of Trickey & Mickey. Mr. Trickey was married, November 15, 1872, to Margaret Brannan, daughter of John and Mary A. (Elliott) Brannan. By this union two children were born, viz., Mary, who died, June 7, 1880, and Sadie, born February 21, 1877. Mr. Trickey owns a very desirable piece of property at Magnetic Springs, on which he resides. He is well adapted to his business, which he conducts in a very successful manner

J. R. TAYLOR, farmer, P. O. Pharisburg, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, August 15, 1847. He is a son of William H. and Eliza Ellen (Robinson) Taylor, the former of English and the latter of Irish descent. Our subject was raised on a farm, and early adopted the occupation of a farmer for his life work. In 1872, he married Miss Emma Bowen, who was born in 1852. By this union four children were born, viz., Ada, Lulu Eva, Harry Wayne, and an infant daughter. Mr. Taylor owns a well-improved farm of 147 acres, near Pharisburg, upon which he resides, and which he cultivates in the most successful manner. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge and Encampment, and in politics a stanch Republican, taking an active interest in all questions of public reform, and, especially those advanced by his party. For six years he ably served his township in the capacity of Justice of the Peace.

JOHN WOOD, farmer, P. O. Claibourne, is a son of Ingram and Ann (Maskill) Wood, and was born in Union County November 12, 1845. He was reared on a farm and educated in the Union County common schools. He was married October 20, 1870, to Miss Margaret Jolliff, who was born in Union County. They have four children, viz., Francis, born July 20, 1871; Minnie, born April 17, 1874; Vina, born March 13, 1877, and Harry, born June 25, 1880. Mr. Wood devotes his whole time to agricultural pursuits, and in cultivating his farm of forty acres, which lies one mile south of Claibourne. He served four months in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment, Ohio National Guards, Capt. Norville. His wife is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church.

A. WALKER, farmer, P. O. Magnetic Springs, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, March 16, 1821. His parents were Alexander and Margaret (Cain) Walker, the former a native of Pennsylvania, of Scotch descent, and the latter a native of Virginia, of Irish and Dutch descent. Our subject was married to Mary Adolphia Utley, a daughter of Jared and Polly (Fisher) Utley, and a native of Delaware County, born October 24, 1839. By this Union six children were born, viz., William R., born October 24, 1859; Elizabeth Ann, wife of Marion Roberts, born January 21, 1861, and mother of two children, Charles and George; Solomon A., born November 3, 1863; Mary Margaret, born May 31, 1867; Daisy Dell, born March 11, 1875. and George Ray, born April 16, 1877. Mr. Walker is a farmer by occupation and owns seventy-five acres of land, which he purchased eight years ago. He is a member of Richwood Lodge, No. 347, I. O. O. F, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is a Democrat in politics. His father and seven brothers served in the war of 1812. His father was also a Revolutionary soldier. His grandfathers were James Walker and James Cain.



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CHAPTER IX.

ALLEN TOWNSHIP.

AT the time of the organization of Union County, the territory now comprising Allen Township was embraced in Union Township. In 1822, when Liberty Township was formed, this territory was then mostly embraced therein, and thus remained until June 5, 1827, when, at a meeting of the Commissioners of Union County, it was agreed " that a new township be set off to be called Allen Township, to be bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of Liberty Township, thence running with the east line of said township north six miles; thence running west to the west line of said Liberty Township; thence south to the line between Champaign and Union Counties; thence east with the said Liberty Township line three miles to the corner; thence south with the said line of Liberty Township to the northwest corner of Union Township; thence east with the north line of Union Township to the beginning." Levi Phelps, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

ALLEN TOWNSHIP SURVEYS.

The earliest surveys in the territory embraced in this township were made in October, 1797. The surveys are as follows: Surveyed for Henry Whitning 740 acres, Survey No. 102, June 6, 1813; Walter Dun, D. S. Surveyed, December 3, 1823, for Charles Simms, 1,200 acres, Survey No. 158; James Galloway, D. S. Surveyed, June 8, 1806, for James Denny, assignee, 300 acres, Survey No. 1,502; James Galloway, D. S. Surveyed, September 28, 1799, for John Hefferlin, 100 acres, Survey No. 2,598; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, November 4, 1797, for Richard Stephenson's heirs-at-law to Hugh Stephenson-deceased, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 2669; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, November 1, 1797, for Peter Manifold, assignee, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 2,833; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, October 30, 1797, for Samuel Wallace, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 2,875; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, October 23, 1797, for Lucas Sullivant, assignee, 1,300 acres, Survey No. 2,979; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, November 26, 1797, for John Mumford Gregory, 800 acres, Survey No. 2,980; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, November 26, 1797, for Andrew Torborn, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 2,981; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, November 26, 1797, for Andrew Torborn, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 2,983; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, December 20, 1797, for William Carter, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 3,151; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, December 20, 1797, for Henry Baumgaitner, 200 acres, Survey No. 3,156; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, April 10, 1799, for Richard Stephenson, 800 acres, Survey No. 3,163; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, September 28, 1799, for Obadiah R. Harrison, 200 acres, Survey No 3,241; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, September 17, 1799, for Lucas Sullivant, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 3,681; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, September 11, 1799, for George McCrider, 100 acres, Survey No. 3,697; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, September 17, 1799, for James Wilson, 100 acres, Survey No. 3,741; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed September 17, 1799, for James Wilson, 200 acres, Survey No. 3,742; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed September 30, 1799, for Lucas Sullivant, assignee, 200 acres, Survey No. 3,748; Lucas Sullivant, D.

S. Surveyed, September 30, 1799, for Lucas Sullivant, 200 acres, Survey No. 3,748; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, September 30, 1799, for James Coleman, assignee, Joseph Flipps, Rowland Estes, Lucas Sullivant, assignee, and David White, assignee, 600 acres, Survey No. 3,749; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed September 28, 1799, for George Custard, 100 acres, Survey No. 3,752; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, December 12, 1805, for the representatives of Lewelling Jones, 1,100 acres, Survey No. 4,814; James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed, November 5, 1807, for Peter Manifold, 481 acres, Survey No. 4,610; James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed December 15, 1809, for John Hays, 200 acres, Survey No. 4,880; James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed May 1, 1806, for Thomas Sears, 500 acres, Survey No. 4,933; Duncan McArthur, D. S. Surveyed, July 22, 1809, for Zadoc Bailey and James Cropper, 120 acres, Survey No. 6,295; James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed, March 5, 1811, for Rice Haggard and Nancy, his wife, 866⅔ acres, Survey No. 7,022; James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed, October 26, 1813, for Anthony Walke and Abridgeton Jones, 3,337 acres, Survey No. 7,822; Walter Dun, D. S. Surveyed, November 1, 1815, for Walter Dun and Nathan Haines, assignees, 500 acres, Survey No. 8,565; Walter Dun, D. S. Surveyed, February 5, 1819, for Walter Dun, assignee, 200 acres, Survey No. 9,796; Walter Dun, D. S. Surveyed June 17, 1823, for John Evans and William Withers, 140 acres, Surveys Nos. 12,242 and 12,262; Duncan McArthur, D. S. Surveyed, January 11, 1825. for Walter Dun and George Clark, assignees, 82 acres, Surveys No. 12,081 and 12,744; Walter Dun, D. S. Surveyed for John Guthrie, 320 acres, Survey No. 4,606—a part of said land is in Logan County. Surveyed for James Galloway, 360 acres, Survey No. 5,746. Surveyed for Walter Dun, —— acres, Survey No. 7,772 (mostly in Logan County). Surveyed for N. Bailey, 120 acres, Survey No. 6,295. Surveyed for Mazy Vance, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 12,308. Surveyed for H. Massie, 40 acres, Survey No. 14,602. Surveyed for James Galloway, 260 acres, Survey No 15,309.

EARLY SETTLERS.

This township was the fifth in date of organization in Union County, and although from its geographical position it was not settled as early by several years as the southern townships of the county, yet settlers entered this territory quite early, and after the first settler located within its boundaries he was followed by others in rapid succession; and within the period of fifteen years from the time of the location of the first settler the township of Allen was quite thickly populated. The township is located in the southwestern part of the county. It is bounded north by Liberty and Paris Townships, on the east by Paris, on the south by Union Township and Champaign County, and on the west by Logan County. Just who was the first settler within the precincts of this territory it is difficult now to ascertain, as there were several who located here at nearly the same time. We have, however, concluded to commence our pioneer list with the name of Henry Vangordon, who, if not the first settler, was one of the first. He was a native of Pennsylvania, married Catharine Carter, emigrated to Ohio at an early day, came to Allen Township and settled on Buck Run, on land now owned by Jacob Leonard, it is believed, about 1820. Subsequently he removed to Illinois, where he died. His children were as follows: Henry, married Eliza Spain, became a minister in the United Brethren Church, and moved to the West; Samuel and Mary (twins), the former is deceased, the latter married Philander Spain, and now resides in Illinois; Elizabeth and Charles, died in early childhood; George, removed to the West, and Wesley was killed by a falling tree when a child. Mr. Henry

Vangordon was one of thirteen voters at the first election after the township was constituted; also one of the first Trustees, and its fourth Treasurer.

Daniel Allen, a native of Pennsylvania, married Rachel Burwell, and about 1813 emigrated to Ohio, and settled in Madison County; about 1820–21, came to Allen Township, where he settled and remained until his death, being killed by falling from a load of oats and breaking his neck, in 1832. The township was named in honor of him. As a man and citizen, he was highly esteemed and respected; was one of the first thirteen voters, and one of the three first Trustees; was an earnest and devoted Christian and a class leader in the church. His children were as follows: Mary, married David Reed, and subsequently removed to Iowa, where she died; Jonathan, married Roanna Talbot, and also died in Iowa; Betsy Ann, married Uram Carpenter, and now resides in Logan County, Ohio; Samuel, Isaac and Wilson, all removed to Iowa, where they married and settled.

Isaac Allen, a brother of the above Daniel Allen, early removed to the State of New York and married Theresa Andrews. In the fall of 1811, they emigrated to Ohio and settled in Pike Township, Madison County. In 1829, he removed to this county and settled in Allen Township, where he resided till his death, in 1863. His wife died in 1860. Of their children—Romanta, married Anna Mather, and removed to Iowa, where he died; Lury, married Alvin Wilcox, and subsequently removed to Indiana, where she died; Phebe, married William Mather, and now resides in Iowa; Mira, married Chistopher Wilbur, is now a widow and lives on the home place; Nathan B., married Margaret Mather, and now resides in Iowa; Emily, married Warren Lathrop, is deceased; Harriet, married Michael Mullen, and removed to Iowa, where she died; and Caroline, who died in infancy.

Jonathan Burwell, a native of Pennsylvania, settled in Allen Township about the same time with Daniel Allen. He married a Miss Vangorden and had the following children: Ephraim, Rachel, Eleanor, John, Sarah, Phebe, Catharine, Elizabeth and Anna. Mr. Burwell died in summer of 1829. He was one of the first thirteen voters.

Southard Mather, a native of Maryland, came with his father's family to Milford Center, Union County, Ohio; there he married Perlina Rice, and settled in Allen Township about 1822–23. Subsequently he removed to Iowa, where he died. He was also one of the first thirteen voters, and the first Clerk of Allen Township.

Moses Redford, it is believed, was a native of Virginia; emigrated to Ohio and first located at Milford Center, where he followed shoe-making. Finally, he married Betsey Southard, settled on Buck Run, and was one of the thirteen who voted at the first election in 1827. Subsequently he removed into Champaign County.

William Epps, a native of Virginia, settled in Champaign County, Ohio, about 1806–9, locating north of North Lewisburg, near the line of Union County. About 1825, he settled on the Shepherd Clark farm in Allen Township, where he remained till his death. Mr. Epps was one of the thirteen voters at the first election. Of his children were Richard, John, William, Joshua, Thomas, Hamilton and Sarah.

William W. Haines was born at Chillicothe in 1801, and in December of the same year, with his father's family, removed to Logan County, where he resided till about 1818–20, when he came into Union County, and settled in this township, remaining a resident till his death in 1850. He was one of the thirteen to vote at the first election of the township. He married Atlantic Grubbs, by whom he had the following children: Oliver P., who married Eve McCumber, and is now a resident of DeWitt County, Ill.; Dorcas Ann, married J. W. Smith, and resides in Illinois; Solomon, died a young single man; Levi, never married and died at thirty years of age; Amos, married Hannah Snuffin, she died and he is now a widower; and William O., married Hester Gibson and now resides in Illinois.

Jesse Haines, a brother of the above William W. Haines, married Delilah Bayless, and subsequently settled in Logan County, where he resided till his death.

William Asher was a native of Culpeper County, Va., where he married Betsey Sharp. In 1800, he emigrated with his family to Ohio and settled in Ross County; thence about 1803–4, removed into Logan County; thence removed to Champaign County, and finally, about 1823, located in Union County, Allen Township, on the same place where his son now resides, and remained in the same neighborhood till his death, in 1847. He and his son John constituted two of the thirteen voters at the first election. His children were as follows: Polly, married William Austin; he died, and she married Joseph Stokes, she died in Logan County; Sallie, married Bunyan Parker, and died in Champaign County, Ohio; John, married Deborah Ray in 1826, and resides on the old home place, where he and his companion have now resided fifty-six years; Malinda, married John P. Reed, a native of Maryland, who, with his father, Samuel Reed, settled in Union Township, this county, in 1802; John P. Reed and wife settled on Buck Run, on land now owned by Thomas Stillings, about 1825. About 1848, they removed to Iowa, where Mr. Reed died; subsequently she married Israel Reed; he is deceased, and she is now a widow residing in Colorado. Jeremiah married Rachel Austin and settled at West Liberty, Logan County, where he was a merchant many years and where he died. David married Jane McClung, a daughter of Isaac McClung, who came from Pennsylvania and settled in this township about 1835–38. David and wife settled on the Darby on the Snuffin farm, but subsequently removed to Auglaize County, where his wife died; he again returned to this township, and about 1868 married Maria McClung, and is now residing on the old McClung farm. Harriet married Alvin Gano, and is now residing in Iowa. William died in childhood.

William Milligan, a native of Pennsylvania, with his family emigrated to this county, and settled on the Darby, on the Henry Clark farm, about 1824–25, where he resided several years. He was a tanner by trade, and finally settled in North Lewisburg, where he built a tannery and carried on the tanning business through life. He died at North Lewisburg. His children were Samuel, William, Rupe, Jesse, Morgan, Amos and Eliza. Mr. Milligan was one of the thirteen mentioned so often; the first election of the township, and several succeeding ones, were held at his house.

Samuel Milligan, a brother of the above, married a Miss Van Wye after settling in this township. He located on the same tract of land with his brother William, where he resided till his death. He and his wife had no issue. Mr. Milligan was a man of excellent character and much esteemed by all who knew him.

Nimrod Garwood was another one of the thirteen voters at first election, but we did not learn his nativity or the exact year of his settling here; it is certain, however, that he was an early settler, and a leading man in the organization of the township. He was one of its first Trustees, its first Treasurer, and Township Clerk from 1828 to 1831 inclusive.

Joseph Russell was the remaining one of the thirteen first voters of Allen Township, of whom we gather no other information.

John Paver, a native of Maryland, married Elizabeth Wagoner, a native of Virginia, and emigrated to Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1802. In 1829, he removed with his family to Union County, settled in this township on the place where his son John now lives, and here resided till his death, in 1851, aged seventy-seven years. His wife died in 1848. Mr. Paver began in the woods and endured the full hardships of pioneer life. He was the father of nine children—James married a Miss Meredith, of Hardin County, Ohio, and resided in that county till his death; Thomas married a Miss Davis, of Tennessee, where he first settled, and the last known of him he was living in Louisiana; Elizabeth married Abraham Leonard, of Pickaway County, Ohio, and is now deceased; Sarah married William Davis, and is deceased; Anna and Mary died young; Cynthia married Alexander Davis, is deceased; and John married Maria Poling, and resides on the old home place.

Abraham Leonard, a native of Virginia, emigrated to Ohio and settled in Pickaway County, where he married Elizabeth Paver, and in 1827 removed to Union County, settling on land now owned by John Paver, Survey No. 2,983. On this place he resided till his death, May 5, 1853. His wife survived him and died January 14, 1860. Their children were Mary Ann, who died while young; Susanna, married Abraham Spain and resides near North Lewisburg; Rachel, married Willis Epps, he died and she married James Groe; Dorety died young: James, married a Miss Huff, and now resides in Champaign County; Jacob, married Jane McGill; Martin, married Lina Wagoner, and both are deceased.

Hollis Amy settled here in 1829, and married Prudence Williams. Mr. Amy died at North Lewisburg about 1876. They had two children—Elisha and Nancy; the latter married a Mr. Burnham, and resides in Champaign County.

Amos A. Williams married Eleanor Stewart, and settled here about 1827–28. He suffered the loss of one foot from being run over by the cars; it was amputated, but he lived only a few weeks after the surgical operation was performed, and died October 23, 1855. His wife died January 14, 1860. Their children were as follows: Elisha, died in childhood; Mary, also died young; Erastus, died in infancy, July 29, 1833, and was the first body buried in Buck Run Cemetery; Hannah, died at fifteen years of age; James, married Americus Stewart; Malinda, died in infancy; William, died in the army in the war of the rebellion; and Stephen, the youngest.

Alvin Wilcox, a native of the State of New York, emigrated to Madison County, Ohio, at an early date, and in the spring of 1829 settled in Allen Township. He married Lucy Allen, resided here several years, thence removed to Illinois, thence to Iowa, and subsequently to the State of Missouri. They had the following children: Elizabeth, Theresa, Cynthia, Isaac, Mira and Joel, who were born in this county; and Mary, Anna, Jeane and Eleanor, born in Illinois.

Luther Wood, a native of Connecticut, born March 31, 1799, emigrated with his father's family to the State of New York, where his father died. In 1820, he removed to Ohio and settled in Union Township, where, in 1823, he married Rosanna Cochren, a native of Pennsylvania. In 1829, he located in Allen Township, where he resided till a short time before his death, when he removed into Jerome Township and resided one year; thence removed to Piqua, Ohio, where, six weeks after, he died, in August, 1867. His widow still survives, aged eighty years, and resides with her children. Unto them were born the following children: Kingsley, who married Hannah Coe; she died and he married Mary Smith; again death took from him his companion, and he married Elizabeth Spencer, who is also deceased, and he is now a widower and lives at Piqua. William C. married Maria McWilliams. Lucinda married William McWilliams and resides in Piqua. Algelana married Alfred

Mitchell; he died, and she married James D. Robinson. James married Josephine Reed; she died, and he married Anna Myers; and Mary Ann married Nathaniel Ryan; he is dead and she is now a widow.

Matlock Stokes, a native of Virginia, emigrated to Ohio and settled in Logan County at an early day, where he married Rebecca Snuffin, and about 1828–30, settled in the west part of this county, in Allen Township. Here he resided only a few years, and removed to West Liberty, Ohio, where he and his wife both died. Of their children, Matilda died young, and Wesley resides in Logan County.

William Snuffin, a native of New Jersey, emigrated to Ohio when young, married a Miss Connor, and about 1830 settled in this township, on the place where Chester Clark now lives, and here resided several years, but finally moved to the West.

William Inskeep, Jr., a son of John Inskeep, one of the early settlers of Logan County, Ohio, married Mary Stokes, of Logan County; settled in this township, on the tract of land where Hiram Inskeep now lives, and there resided till his death, in September, 1845. His widow still survives and resides with her children. Mr. Inskeep was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Allen Township, and was honored with many of the township offices. In 1838, he was elected Treasurer of the township, which office he held, continuously, by re-election, to the time of his death. He was the father of the following children · Louisa, who died young; Hiram, whose biographical sketch appears in this volume; Matilda Ann, married John Harrison, is now deceased; Olive, married William Crary, whose sketch is also in this work; William Elbert; and Victoria, who married Walter Bales.

Elisha Cowgill, it is believed, was born in Eastern Ohio. With his father, John Cowgill, and family, he settled in Logan County in 1807, and there grew to manhood and married Polly Bishop. He settled in the northwest part of Allen Township, Union County, about 1827–28, on land now owned by his son, John B. Cowgill. Here Mr. Cowgill opened out in the woods, making the first improvement ever made upon this place, and here he remained through all his active life. In advanced life he sold his farm to his sons, and made his home with his son, John B., till his death, in March, 1882. His children were, Matilda, Mary, Nancy, Betsy, Melissa, Jemima, John B., Aaron and Jonathan G.

Edward Tyler, a native of Virginia, emigrated to Ohio and settled on Big Darby, on land now owned by the widow Abraham, in 1827–28, where he resided till his death. His children were, Samuel, Alexander, Elias, Hiram and Isaac. The latter became a practicing physician, but is now deceased.

Cornelius Meshon, a native of Kentucky, settled on the McClung place, on the west bank of the Darby, about 1828–29, but after a few years' residence moved away.

John Milligan, a half brother of William Milligan, previously mentioned, settled on the Clark land, on the east side of Darby, about 1828–29. He married Rebecca Dawson, and resided here many years, but finally removed to Van Wert County, Ohio, where they died. Their children were John, Washington, Charles, and three or four daughters, whose names are unknown.

John Dawson, a native of Pennsylvania, settled on land just north of Isaac Brodrick's, where Henry Cline now lives, about 1830–31. He died at the home of his son-in-law, Henry Poling, at Allen Center, about 1877.

Joseph Dunlap settled here about 1830–32. Subsequently he removed to Putnam County, Ohio, where he died.

Daniel Spain, a native of Virginia, born October 14, 1786, emigrated to Ohio and settled in Champaign County, three miles west of North Lewisburg.

He married Agnes Crowder, and in the spring of 1832 removed to this county and located on a tract of land where his son, Sanford W., now lives. Here he commenced in the green woods, "not a stick amiss." About one year after, in 1833, he died, and the work of making a home and a farm devolved upon the mother and her children, who were quite young, the eldest son, John P., being about twenty years of age. In three years after, or in 1836, death again visited their family, and took from them this oldest son. Their other children were Millie, who married Paschal Spain, and is deceased; Sanford W., married Matilda Wallace. She died and he married Sarah Ann Shirk, and now resides on the old home farm. Dollie never married, and died young; Daniel W., married Sarah Sheneman, and resides east of Sanford W., on a part of the home farm; Clements, married Mary Jane Tobey, is now deceased; and Levi E., married Lovina Poling, and resides on the north part of the home place. It will be observed in the history of this family that after the death of the father, Daniel Spain, three years had scarcely elapsed when the eldest son died, and the care of the family, the work of making home and paying for their land devolved mainly upon the mother and the next eldest son, Sanford, who was then eighteen years of age. They were in the midst of the wilderness, and the prospect before them was gloomy in the extreme. But with true pioneer courage, with willing hands and hearts, they labored on; obstacles gave way before them, and to-day they have a good improved farm, with good buildings and the comforts of life. Mrs. Spain, the mother, died about 1840.

Abraham Holycross, it is believed, was a native of Champaign County, Ohio, and a son of Howell Holycross, a native of Virginia. He married Hester Dunlap, and settled on the east bank of the Darby, in Allen Township, about 1833, and remained a resident of this township till his death. The following were his children: Pearson, Beamer, Robert, Lucinda, Tabitha, Nancy and Martha. Mr. Holycross was a good, kind neighbor and a respected citizen.

Isaac Brodrick was born in New Jersey October 1, 1802, and at six months of age was brought by his parents to the vicinity of Wheeling, W.Va. In 1813, they removed to Warren County, Ohio, where Isaac grew to manhood and married Hannah Wood, a native of the Red Stone country, in Pennsylvania. In the winter of 1833, he settled in Union County, on the place where he now lives, having made a residence here of half a century. When he located here, he knew but two settlers between his place and Newton, one of whom was James Wilbur, and one located further north. Mr. Brodrick took possession of his land in the woods, and has cleared up and brought into cultivation 100 acres; has good buildings and improvements. His wife died April 3, 1876. They raised four children—Mary Ann, who married Richard Wells, she died in April, 1878; Isaac, married Sarah Huff, and resides on the home farm, and has served as Justice of the Peace nine years; James moved away, and when the war of the rebellion occurred, was in New Orleans, serving as an engineer on a steamboat, since which nothing has been known of him; and Hannah Jane, who married Charles Van Wye; she died in the spring of 1878. Mr. Brodrick is now past fourscore years, and has borne the brunt of pioneer life.

Daniel Coe, a native of Pennsylvania, married Mary Gladden, and in the spring of 1833 emigrated to Ohio; settled in this township on the place where his son, Philip, now lives, and here resided till his death. Their children were Philip, who married Elizabeth Woodworth; she died, and he married Louisa S. Smith; he resides on the old home place, where he has lived since eleven years of age, a period of forty-nine years, and where he has a beautiful home; Joseph married Mary Clark, and now resides in Springfield, Mass.; Moses, married Martha Boal, both are deceased; Hannah married K. L. Wood, is deceased; Sarah married John W. Robinson; Elizabeth married Dr. Swain, of Milford Center; he died, and she married L. H. Smith; she now resides with her mother, at Marysville; Mary married R. R. Henderson, and now resides at Minneapolis, Minn.; Jane died unmarried; William died in infancy; Olive G. married W. Simmons Johnson, is now deceased; Martha married Leonidas Piper, is now deceased, and Isabel died in childhood. Mr. Coe was a man of character and esteemed for his many good qualities; was a worthy member of the Presbyterian Church, and a Ruling Elder in the same for many years.

James Wilbur was born in the State of New York; emigrated to Ohio and settled in Union County about 1830. He married Sarah Cameron. He first settled on the Williams farm, then took a lease of land; but about 1836–37 bought a tract of land where he still lives, and has made a continued residence of forty-five or forty-six years. He is the father of the following children: Sarah Ann, who married George Carpenter; Owen, married Sarah Jane Marsh; Edwin, married Orange Eaton; Olive, married Randolph Marsh, is deceased; William, married Mary Welch, and resides in Kansas; Addie, married Deville Wood; Zachariah married Addie Allen, and resides on the home place with his aged father, who is aged and feeble, being now eighty-three years of age; and Joseph and Almedia, both deceased. Mr. Wilbur is one of the oldest surviving pioneers of Allen Township.

James Stillings was born in Maryland, May 8, 1785. He married Mary Barnes, a native of Maryland, and in the spring of 1829 emigrated to Clark County, Ohio. About 1834–35, removed to this county and located on the tract of land where Jacob Leonard now lives, where he resided till his death in the fall of 1865. His wife survived him, but has since died. The fruits of their union were as follows: Alexander, who married and settled at Findlay, Ohio; Thomas married Somelia Dines; Catharine married Edward Nugent and resides in Kansas; James is deceased; William married in Iowa, and now resides in Kansas, having a second wife; Edward married Mary Smith, of Kenton, Ohio, where he practiced law several years; is now a resident and practitioner at Lawrence, Kan.; Timothy married Elizabeth Kelly and removed to Kansas, where he died; John married Miss Cantwell, she died, and he married a second time; is now one of the most prominent lawyers of Kenton, Ohio, where he has practiced more than twenty years; Mary married Joseph Brown and removed to Iowa, where she died in 1882; and George, who married Jane Walke, and now resides in Champaign County, Ill.

Samuel Marsh was born in West Virginia May 30, 1809. He married Mary Ryan, and about 1835 emigrated to Ohio and settled in Union County, on the place where he still lives. He purchased this farm of Alvin Wilcox—it then had on it a rough log cabin and about twenty-five acres, partly cleared. He had a team, two cows, and $150 in money. He went in debt for the land, and then commenced in earnest the battle for a home and a competency. He subsequently added more land to his first purchase, till he became owner of various tracts, amounting in all to 716 acres, all of which he paid for by his own skill and labor, and that of his family. He has given the greater portion of these lands to his children, thus giving them a good start in life. He has reserved for himself ninety-four and one-half acres at the home place, with good buildings and improvements, constituting a pleasant farm home. Such has been the life and character of this worthy settler of Allen Township. Mr. Marsh is an active member of the Methodist Church, to which he has given, at home and abroad, liberally of his means; has been a liberal supporter of public schools, and to all general public improvements.

Enoch Morse, a native of the State of New York, settled on the Darby on land now owned by Leister Clark, about 1835, where he lived till his death.

Simeon. D. Kilgore

He was a blacksmith by trade, a good neighbor and esteemed citizen. His children were as follows: Enoch, Chauncy, Charles, Christopher, Harriet, Mary, Delilah and Julia.

William Moore, a native of Virginia, settled on the east bank of the Darby, on land now owned by Pearson Holycross, about 1840, and remained a resident of this township till his death.

The above list embraces most of the early settlers. There are, however, a few about whom we have learned but few particulars. Of these, the following names are of persons known to have been early settlers, to wit: Vandever Reed, Joseph Coberly, George Miller, John Gabriel, Dixon Mitchell, Samuel Ballinger, Alfred Hale, William Smith, Thomas Dodds, James Cochren, William Hoff, William Rowland, Benjamin Vickers, Thomas Dun, Elijah Kinney, Elijah Burroughs, L. Hibbard and John G. Hibbert.

We now desire to give the history of one more family of this township, not because they were early settlers, but from their remarkable age, and the almost unprecedented length of time that this aged and venerable couple have traveled the journey of life together. Seventy-one years have they shared its joys and its pleasures, or buoyed up each the other under its burden of toil and labors, its afflictions and sorrows! Over "threescore years and ten," the allotted period to mortals given, have they walked hand in hand in the conflicts of life! And still the messenger of death spares them, and still they are permitted to live among and enjoy the society of their aged but respected children. This family is as follows:

James Cavender was born in Hillsboro County, N. H., May 15, 1786, where he married Rachel Buttler, who was born July 4, 1789; they were married November 27, 1811. In 1846, they emigrated to Ohio and located on William Bales' farm, where they have resided to the present time. He has been a farmer by occupation through all his active life. Their children were as follows: Annis, married Joseph Simons, a native of New Hampshire, where they resided most of their lives, and died in their native State; Abraham Holmes, married Elvira Hopkins, of New Hampshire, and subsequently, in 1843, moved to Ohio and settled in Logan County; thence, about 1850, they removed to St. Paul, Minn., where they now reside; Jonathan Buttler never married, and died in Kentucky, aged forty-two years; Sarah married William Bales; Charles never married, but died at twenty-five years of age in his native State. Mary married Paul Whittemore, and lived and died in their native State; E. Burnham married Harriet Laws, and reside in New Hampshire; Rachel married Williard Powers, she died in her native State; and David, the youngest, married Jane Carley, and now resides in Illinois.

SURFACE, STREAMS, SOIL, ETC.

The surface of this township is level and undulating. Along the streams are level bottom lands; in the southern portion is a tract formerly known as the "Crane Swamp," and another tract in the northeast portion known as the "Bear Swamp." These were formerly very flat and wet, and thickly grown up with trees and an undergrowth of grass and brush that it was impossible to ride through them on horseback. But these, by ditching and draining, are becoming the best of cultivated lands, from being at one time the lairs and hiding places of wild beasts. The balance of the township is undulating, with here and there portions that might be termed hilly. The principal stream is the Big Darby, which enters the township from its western border, about midway between its northern and southern boundaries, flowing in a southwesterly course; it passes out of this township and through the northeast corner of Champaign County, again enters this township, passes in and after a southeasterly course of about two miles across the southern extremity, enters Union Township. The only other stream or creek of any importance is Buck Run, which rises in the northern central part of the township, and takes a general southeast course, leaving it at its southeast corner and passing into Union Township. South of Allen Centre, it receives Bear Swamp Run, a small creek which takes its rise in Bear Swamp, in the northeast part of the township, courses in a southerly direction and empties into Buck Run as above described. The soil on the bottom lands along the creeks and on some of the low level portions, is a very rich black loam; the balance is a clay soil, and the whole is strong and productive, yielding abundant crops of wheat, corn and oats. The principal varieties of timber in the forests were originally white, black, red and burr oak, elm, sugar maple, and some walnut and hickory; and in the northern part of the township some beech. In the extreme south part of the township, on the farm of Nathan Howard, are what were formerly known as the "Indian Fields," so called from the fact that when the first settlers came into this county, they found the Indians cultivating corn on these lands, they being then clear of all timber or undergrowth. After the Indians left, and prior to the lands being occupied by the white settlers, those fields, once so clear and easily cultivated, had become covered with a thick growth of trees and brush, and it required much toil and labor to clear them up and bring them again into cultivation. When the settlers first came to this section, the forests were full of wild game—bears, deer and wild turkeys—which furnished them with an abundance of good meat; and had it not been for this supply, many a poor man would have been short of rations. One locality, south of Allen Centre, near where Bear Swamp Run empties into Buck Run, was a notable "deer lick," where the deer congregated in large numbers. Notwithstanding the many disadvantages, hardships and trials which the first settlers had to endure, yet Providence had combined with them many circumstances, which much ameliorated their condition.

MILLS.

The Beltz Grist Mill, located near the Champaign County line and near the Big Darby, was one of the earliest erected mills in the township. About 1820–21, Samuel Hawkins erected a mill on this site, run by water power. After running the mill a few years, he sold the property to Thomas Dunn. About 1835, he was succeeded by Beltz Bros., and from that date to the present time—a period of nearly half a century—the mill has been in possession of some of the Beltz family. Soon after Beltz Bros. purchased the property, they erected a small distillery, which, after several years, passed out of use. At one time there was a saw mill run in connection with the grist mill, which was erected either by Mr. Hawkins or Mr. Dunn; it continued to supply the neighborhood with lumber until about 1870, when it went out of use. At the present time, Daniel Beltz is owner and proprietor of this mill. Although this mill in its construction was rude and imperfect, yet in that day it was a great blessing and convenience to this neighborhood. It is now out of repair, and has not been in use for about two years.

Wetzel Mill.—Further down the Darby, in the extreme south part of the township, is the Wetzel mill site. Mr. Daniel Coe, probably about 1836–38, erected a saw mill here, and began the work of digging and constructing a race to supply water from the Darby Creek sufficient to run a grist mill. He was two years constructing this race, which cost $1,300. He also laid the foundation for the grist mill, but being unable to complete it, for want of capital, he finally sold the property to Ira Johnson, who then erected the grist mill, and subsequently, or at nearly the same time, built a distillery and a large warehouse; soon after, the whole property was destroyed by fire. But again he erected the buildings, although on a smaller scale. But the undertaking was too much for his financial strength, and he failed in business, and the property finally came into the ownership of Williams & Bennett, who also failed, which ended all effort at the distilling business. The grist mill was purchased, at public sale, by Messrs. Howard and Leonard, who subsequently sold the property to Mr. Martin Wetzel; and while in his ownership, in 1856, it was again destroyed by fire. He, however, again rebuilt it, and continued business till the summer of 1882, when he removed the machinery to Unionville, where he erected a mill and is now doing business.

Finley Saw Mill.—About 1848–50, James Finley built a saw-mill on the Milford & Allen Centre pike, run by steam-power. This mill has, since that date, furnished the principal lumber for that neighborhood. After Mr. Finley had run this mill a few years, and prior to the war of the rebellion, sold the property to Mr. S. B. Childs, who has continued to do business here to the present time.

Pottersburg Saw Mill.—In 1868, Williams & Bennett erected a steam-power saw mill at Pottersburg. They were succeeded in its ownership by Smith, Giddings & Co., of Green Springs, Seneca Co., Ohio, who are still proprietors of the same, with D. T. Burr as manager of the business.

SCHOOLS.

As soon as the first settlement had increased to a number sufficient to justify the effort of trying to establish a school, we do not find these worthy pioneers dilatory in taking measures to secure to their offspring these much-needed advantages. It is believed that the first session of school ever held in the precincts of Allen Township was taught by Wilson Reed, in the southeastern part of the township, near Buck Run, in the winter of 1829–30. It was taught in an old log cabin which had been vacated as a dwelling. The next term of school was taught by Amos A. Williams, which was also in a log cabin vacated as a dwelling, but in a different locality from the first, yet in the same neighborhood. The next school was taught by Hollis Amy, in his own house. The first building erected for school purposes was a log cabin situated on the Christopher Wilber land, at the corner where the Milford and Lewisburg pikes meet. This house was erected about the fall of 1832–33, and Amos A. Williams was the first teacher. This house served the purpose till about 1838–39, when a frame house was erected near where the Buck Run Chapel now stands. This building served as a schoolhouse till the erection of the present frame house, situated on the Milford & Allen Center pike, just south of Buck Run. In a like manner, from settlement to settlement throughout Allen Township, as soon as each neighborhood could support a school, some place was furnished and a school established. The township is now divided into ten subdistricts, with as many good schoolhouses. The enumeration of scholars is as follows:

Subdistrict No. 1, males, 16; females, 16; total, 32. Subdistrict No. 2, males, 17; females, 12; total, 29. Subdistrict No. 3, males, 19; females, 11; total, 30. Subdistrict No. 4, males, 7; females, 18; total, 25. Subdistrict No. 5, males; 20; females, 17; total, 37. Subdistrict No. 6, males, 14; females, 16; total, 30. Subdistrict No. 7, males. 25; females, 20; total, 45. Subdistrict No. 8, males, 30; females, 25; total, 55. Subdistrict No. 9, males, 17; females, 18; total, 35. Subdistrict No. 10, males, 44; females, 46; total, 90. Total males, 209; females, 199; both males and females, 408.

The report of the Board of Education for Allen Township, September 1, 1881, was as follows:

Balance on hand September 1, 1881	$4,634.21
State tax	630.00
Irreducible school funds	41.20
Local tax for school and school purposes	2,365.99
Total	$7,671.40

EXPENDITURES.

Whole amount paid teachers in common schools	$2,409.71
For fuel and other contingent expenses	1,427.84
Total	$3,837.55

Balance on hand September 1, 1882	$3,833.85
Whole number of schoolhouses	10
Number of schoolrooms	14
Total value of school property	$8,000.00
Number of teachers	11
Employed males	8
Employed females	13
Average wages of teachers, males	$37.26
Average wages of teachers, females	$23.15
Average number of weeks school in session	35

CHURCHES.

Soon after the early settlers had gained a foothold in the territory now comprised in Allen Township, they established schools for the intellectual development of their children, and still earlier they commenced to organize churches for the moral and spiritual development of the people.

Buck Run Methodist Episcopal Church.—This was the earliest organized church in the township. It is believed that a class was organized as early as 1825, at the house of Daniel Allen, consisting of the following persons, viz.: Henry Vangordon, Rachel Allen, Philena Mather, Daniel Allen, Kate Vangordon, Samuel Allen and perhaps a few others, with Samuel Allen as Class-leader. This class was organized by Samuel Allen, who was a local preacher. They continued to hold their meetings first in private houses and then in the schoolhouses until 1853, when the present frame house was erected and dedicated to service by Bishop S. M. Merrill. This society increased and multiplied until at one time its membership reached seventy. But of late it has greatly diminished in numbers by death and removal, until it is at present reduced to a class of seven persons; and for the last two years has been without a pastor. During the existence of this society they have been administered to by the following preachers: Revs. Daniel D. Davidson, Samuel P. Shaw, William P. Morrow, Michael Marley, Mr. Brown and Robert Finley. After the erection and dedication of the church building, they had the following ministers: Revs. Martindale and Taft, J. S. Adair and D. Mann, Henry Wharton and J. T. Miller, J. F. Longman and J. Slocum, William P. Grantham, Henry H. Ferris, G. G. West, S. C. Webster, A. Wilson, Orville J. Nave, H. E. Pilcher, D. G. Strong, and perhaps a few others. The following have been class-leaders: Daniel Allen, Henry Vangordon, Isaac Allen, Samuel Marsh, Christopher Allen, Thomas Long, Randolph Marsh, Uram Marsh, O. B. Converse and George Wilbur.

United Brethren Church (Darby Chapel).—About the year 1849, Rev. F. B. Hendricks, from near Cincinnati, organized a class in the old log school house, with the following persons as members: D. W. Spain and wife Sarah Ann, Reuben Moore and wife Perlina, Joseph Moore, and perhaps a few others. Soon after the organization they proceeded to erect a hewed-log house for church purposes, which was completed about 1851. This house served them until 1870, when the present frame structure was built upon the site of the old house, at a cost of about $1,200, it was dedicted by Rev. W. J. Shuey, of Dayton, Ohio. The following preachers have administered to this people: Rev. B. F. Hendricks, Rev. Tobey, Rev. Farber, Rev. J. M. Marker, Rev. S. S. Holden, Rev. Samuel Downey, Rev. D. Zeigler, Rev. Daniel Miller, Rev. William Miller, Rev. W. McGinnis, Revs. Merrit Miller, William Ray, D. A. Johnson, Henry Tobey, Rev. Kiracofe, Rev. Wagoner, Rev. C. Bodie, Revs. H. J. Mulholland, J. Cost, James Wilkinson, J. T. Mahan and R. G. Montgomery. The following persons have been class leaders: Joseph Moon, Reuben Moore, Strange Epps, Hugh Wilson, Clement Spain, Samuel Waddle, William Organ, Fremont Spain and Allen Burroughs. The church now has a membership of about sixty.

Darby Methodist Episcopal Chapel.—About 1850–52, Rev. George Harris organized a class at the schoolhouse, consisting of the following persons: Abraham Holycross and wife Hester, William Holycross and wife Nancy, John Organ and wife Louisa, James Kennedy and wife Ivy, William Holycross, Sr., and wife Amy, Nancy Cline, William Smith and wife Sarah, with Abraham Holycross as class leader. Services were held at the schoolhouse about one year, when they erected a hewed-log house for church purposes on the site of the present church. This house served them until 1870, when they erected the present frame building, at a cost of about $1,200. Some of the pastors have been Revs. George W. Harris, Samuel Brown, J. M. Sullivan, Wesley Webster, Jonathan Verity, N. McDonald, W. N. Williams, D. H. Sargeant, E. McHugh, W. B. Jackson, T. E. Fiddler, H. M. Curry, George W. Kelley, A. W. Bell, J. F. Loyd, George H. Kennedy, D. L. Hayward and W. Q. Shannon, the present pastor in charge. The class leaders have been Abraham Holycross and W. H. Crary; the latter being in charge of the class at the present time. The church now has a membership of about seventy-five. During the summer a flourishing Sunday school is maintained with W. H. Crary as the last Superintendent.

Allen Centre Baptist Church was organized at the Allen Centre Schoolhouse in June, 1854, with thirteen constituent members, as follows: Henry Poling, Jonathan Poling, Edith Wells, Jane Smith, Owen Wilbur, John Poling, Rachel Lott, Sarah Poling, Elizabeth Poling, Catharine Hale, Edward Eaton, Cyrus Poling, James Harvey, Sarah Ann Poling, George Line and Lewis Jones. Elder George Line preached the sermon, and Elder James Harvey gave the Right hand of fellowship. The church was organized as "The Buck Run Baptist Church." Rev. Lewis Jones was the first pastor in charge, preaching as a licentiate till in the fall following its organization, when he was ordained and became the regular minister to the church, and continued as such, holding services in the schoolhouse, until May 12, 1855, when the Baptist Church at Milford Centre was organized and this society was removed to that place and united with it. This relation was continued until the summer of 1871, when a re-organization was effected at Allen Centre, known as the "Allen Centre Baptist Church." In the fall of the same year, they commenced to erect a frame building for church purposes, which was completed in the summer of 1872, and the same dedicated on Sunday, September 8, 1872, the dedicatory sermon being preached by Rev. D. Randall, of Columbus; the pastor in charge at the time was Rev. C. K. Dunbar. The present pastor is Elder Vance.

Protestant Methodist Church at Allen Centre.—In the winter of 1863, Rev. Mr. Plummer organized a class consisting of Lewis Corbitt, George Grove and Samuel Poling, with their wives and several others, and soon after, probably in the fall of the same year, erected a comfortable log house, which was duly dedicated to service. They continued as a society to hold services till about 1875, when they ceased to exist as an organization; the church property was sold and is now the private property of Cyrus Poling. Since then there has been no organization of that name.

Pottersburg Methodist Episcopal Church.—In the winter of 1877, Rev. Frank Loyd held a series of meetings in the schoolhouse at Pottersburg, and during this time constituted a class consisting of the following persons: Clinton Leonard and wife Nancy, F. J. Robinson and wife Allie F., Mrs. Mary Ann Burgandine, Samuel Burgandine and wife Jane, Andrew Palmer and wife Nancy, William Robinson, Oliver Grubbs and wife Ruth, Eli Norviel, Willis Epps and wife Sarah, and a few others, with Clinton Leonard, Willis Epps and Eli Norviel as class-leaders. They held their services in the schoolhouse till the summer of 1880, when they erected the present frame house, 28x42 feet, for church purposes, at a cost of $1,200. The house was dedicated to service by Rev. George H. Kennedy, September 5, 1880. The following ministers have served the church since its organization: Revs. Frank Loyd and George H. Kennedy, who served while in connection with the North Lewisburg Circuit. After the erection of the church edifice, this society was united with the Newton Circuit, and Rev. John Parlette became their minister; he was succeeded by Rev. Winfield Jaggers. The present minister is Rev. Mr. Little. Present membership, thirty-three, with Clinton Leonard and Samuel Burgandine, as class-leaders. A Sunday school was organized a short time prior to the constitution of the church, which has since been continued and is in a flourishing condition, averaging about fifty scholars in attendance, with L. F. Lary, Acting Superintendent.

CEMETERIES.

The Buck Run Cemetery, near the church, was probably one of the earliest burying places in this township. The first persons buried here were Daniel Allen, who died August 2, 1832, and Erastus Williams, who died July 29, 1833. These grounds contain many of the first settlers. On the Lewisburg & Marysville pike is another cemetery, situated on the south side of said pike, a short distance west of Squire Isaac Brodrick's residence. These are the principal burying grounds of this township. 'although there are two or three other places where one or more persons have been deposited in former days.

POTTERSBURG.

February 18, 1869, Andrew S. Mowry surveyed and laid out a town on Survey No. 315, for David A. Williams and George F. Bennett, to be known as Pottersburg, consisting of twenty-four lots, one main street sixty-six feet wide, and four cross streets, viz.: Front, William, Bennett and Carter, each sixty-six feet wide; the lots all situated on Main street commencing with No. 1, and numbering to 24, with all the odd numbers 1, 3, 5, etc., upon one side of the street, and all the even numbers, 2, 4, 6, etc., on the opposite side, with alleys in the rear of said lots, each twenty feet wide. The plat and grant of lands dedicated to streets and alleys for public use were duly acknowledged and signed by said Williams and Bennett, and their wives, April 14, 1869, before W. M. Winget, a Justice of the Peace, and the same recorded May 1, 1869, by James Smith, Recorder of Union County, Ohio.

October 22, 1872, Thomas Cowgill surveyed and laid out fourteen lots with one street, known as Railroad street, to be an addition to the town of Pottersburg; said addition being situated on the north side of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway, adjoining the town on the north, and made by W. Armstrong. Said street is sixty feet wide. Lot No. 1 is located at the east side of said addition, and numbering westward 2, 3, etc., to No. 14, with three alleys from Railroad street to the rear of said lots, each sixteen and one-half feet wide; and also an alley in rear of lots of same width; the same being duly appropriated and signed and executed by W. Armstrong and wife, before Gilbert H. Stewart, a Notary Public. Recorded December 17, 1872, Hiram Raney, Recorder, Union County, Ohio.

In the summer of 1868, prior to the laying out of the town, Jonas Cline, a carpenter by trade, erected a saw-mill. He also built the first house, which was for Abel Lary; also, in 1869, he erected a house for himself. Then he erected a store room, 12x18 feet, and filled it with groceries, which was the first store in the town. Mr. B. Andrews was the first blacksmith. In 1869, Capt. Cline petitioned for a post office. He received his commission as Postmaster the same year, and has continued to hold the office to this date (1882). In the spring of 1864, the Atlantic & Great Western Railway (now the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad), was completed, and the first train of cars run over the road. Capt. Jonas Cline was appointed ticket agent. In 1872, the railway company built a good depot, and a telegraph office was established here. About this time, Capt. Cline erected a large, two-story storehouse, and put in a complete and general stock of goods. Where this town now stands was a dense forest, and before a building could be erected the ground had to be cleared of timber and stumps. Now the town contains about 100 souls, with one good general store, by Capt. Jonas Cline; one blacksmith, Harry Andrews; one saw-mill, erected by Williams & Bennett, now owned by Smith, Giddings & Co., of Green Springs, Seneca Co., Ohio, and in charge of D. T. Burr; one tile factory, owned and operated by the Crary Bros., who are doing a large business; one church (Methodist Episcopal); one two-story frame schoolhouse, erected in 1881–82, with two rooms, in which are employed two teachers; the house cost about $1,400, all furnished complete.

ALLEN CENTER.

At the location of Allen Center, the first business to be carried on was an ashery, which was erected and run a few years by Mr. Joel Everett. Soon after Joshua Eaton purchased five acres of land, and about 1848–49 laid out a few lots with the object of starting a town. A post office was established in February, 1851, with Reuben Foote commissioned as Postmaster. Ransal Smith carried on the cabinet-making business, and Stephen Donahue, blacksmithing. Mr. Barnet Bennett erected a large two-story frame house in 1861–62, and in one of the rooms placed a small stock of goods, constituting the first general store. He continued business till 1864–65, when he sold out to Jacob Painter, who carried on an extensive trade till the fall of 1875, when he closed out his stock with a series of public sales, and removed to Mississippi. Since then one or two others have put in a few goods, but continued in trade but for brief periods of time. About the commencement of the war of the rebellion, the post office was discontinued. At present, the village contains a few houses, but no business except farming.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS.

This is one of the few townships which has the official records preserved from its organization. The first election, by order of the County Commissioners, was held on October 9, 1827, at the house of William Milligan, at which election were polled thirteen votes, as follows: Jonathan Burwell, Joseph Russell, Henry Vangordon, Moses Redford, William Epps, Samuel Milligan, Nimrod Garwood, Daniel Allen, William Milligan, William Asher, William W. Haines, John Asher and Southard Mather. Reuben P. Mann received eleven votes for Representative. John Reed, nine, and Levi Phelps, four, for

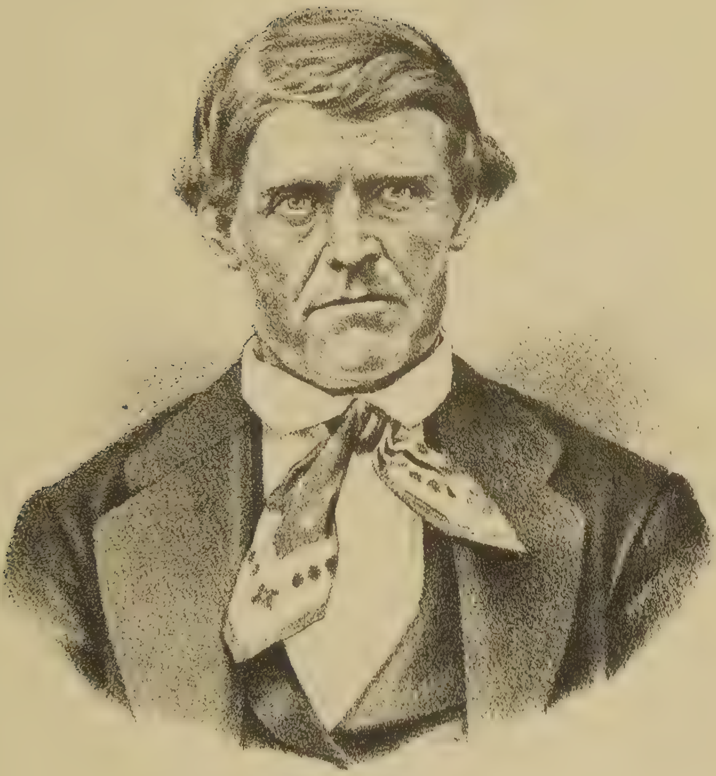
County Auditor ; Cyprian Lee, three, and Stephen McLain, ten, for County Treasurer ; Elias Robinson, nine, and David Mitchell, four, for County Commissioner ; Alexander Robinson, thirteen, for Assessor. At this election, Nimrod Garwood, Henry Vangordon and Daniel Allen acted as Judges, and Southard Mather and John Asher, Clerks. Another election was held for Justice of the Peace and Constable, on the 3d day of November, 1827, with the following result : William Milligan received six votes, and Henry Vangordon four for Justice of the Peace ; David Furrow, five, and John Asher, five, for Constables. In 1876, the township polled 314 votes. Township officers as follows :

Trustees—1827, Nimrod Garwood, Henry Vangordon and Daniel Allen ; 1828, Samuel Milligan, John Asher and Levi Gunn ; 1829, Vandever Reed, Samuel Milligan and Hollis S. Amy ; 1830 (wanting); 1831, Joseph Coberly, Samuel Allen and Daniel Allen ; 1832, Joseph Coberly, Daniel Allen and Luther Wood ; 1833, John Asher, John Milligan and Amos A. Williams ; 1834, John Milligan, William Inskeep and Henry Vangordon ; 1835, William Inskeep, Jr., Daniel Allen and Luther Wood ; 1836, Luther Wood, W. W. Haines and Amos A. Williams ; 1837, George Miller, John Milligan and David Reed ; 1838–39, Enoch Morse, Luther Wood and James Wilbur ; 1840, A. A. Williams, Henry Vangordon and ; 1841, James Stillings, Daniel Coe and L. W. Hale; 1842–45, (wanting); 1846, E. W. Crary; 1847, Edwin Spain, William W. Haines and James Stillings; 1852–53, Dixon Mitchell, Edwin Spain and Jamos Kennedy; 1854, Dixon Mitchell, James Kennedy and Paschal Spain; 1855, B. H. B. Griswold, Andrew Beltz and Elisha Cowgill; 1856, B. H. B. Griswold, Jonas Poling and John Epps; 1857–58, James Wilbur, Jonas Poling and William Bales: 1859, James Wilbur, Elisha Cowgill and Jonas Poling; 1860, James Wilbur, Jacob Painter and Elisha Cowgill; 1861–62, Samuel Marsh, Abraham Holycross and Samuel Waddle: 1863, Samuel Marsh, Dixon Mitchell and Isaac Downs: 1864, Samuel Marsh, Dixon Mitchell and Paschal Spain: 1865, Samuel Marsh, Moses Coe and Samuel Waddle; 1867–68, Samuel Waddle, B H. B. Griswold and Paschal Spain. 1869, B. H. B. Griswold, A. Holycross and Samuel Jordon: 1870, B. H. B. Griswold, W. H. Jordon and Shepherd Clark: 1871, B. H. B. Griswold, W. E. Inskeep and Benjamin Grubbs; 1872–73, B. H. B. Griswold, W. E. Inskeep and O. B. Converse; 1874, B. H. B. Griswold, W. E. Inskeep and John Paver: 1875–78, W. E. Inskeep, John Paver and Eli Norveil: 1879, William Inskeep, Thomas Stillings and D. T. Burr; 1880, W. E. Inskeep, Thomas Stillings and John Paver; 1881–82, W. E. Inskeep, Thomas Stillings and Edwin Wilbur.

Clerks—1827, Southard Mather: 1828–31, Nimrod Garwood: 1832, Hollis S. Amy; 1833, William Inskeep: 1834–35, William Snuffin; 1836–37, William Inskeep; 1838–40, E. W. Crary; 1841–53, Luther Wood: 1854–59, Isaac Brodrick; 1860–61, Jonas Poling; 1862, Isaac Brodrick: 1863–65, Owen Wilbur; 1866, Jacob Painter: 1867–68, Owen Wilbur: 1869, George Jordon; 1870, J. N. Kennedy; 1871–82, W. H. Crary.

Treasurers—1827, Nimrod Garwood: 1829, Amos A. Williams; 1831, John Asher; 1832, Henry Garwood: 1833–37, Joseph Coberly; 1838–44, William Inskeep, Jr.; 1845, E. W. Crary; 1847–48, O. J. Fish; 1849–51, Thomas Stillings; 1852, David Osborn; 1854, William Inskeep; 1855–62, Caleb Clark; 1863, James Wilbur; 1864–68, Jonas Cline: 1869, Jacob Painter; 1870–82, Samuel Waddle.

Overseers of the Poor—1827, John Asher, and Jonathan Burwell: 1828, William Asher: 1831, William Rowland and Abraham Leonard; 1832, Edward Tyler and Benjamin Vickers; 1833, William Smith and Daniel Reed: 1834, John Paver and William Smith; 1835, Thomas Dun and Isaac McClung;



John Elliott

1836, Thomas Dun. Vandever Reed and Jesse Haines; 1837, Elisha Cowgill and William Smith; 1838, Matlock Stokes and Chauncy Morse; 1839, Daniel Allen and A. A. Williams; 1841, Henry Vangordon and Isaac Allen.

Fence Viewers—1831, W. W. Haines and L. D. Hibbard; 1832, W. W. Haines and William Inskeep; 1833, Benjamin Vickers; 1834, Jesse Haines and Edward Tyler; 1835, Thomas Dodds and John G. Hibbert; 1836, Thomas Dunn, Daniel Allen and William Smith; 1837, Benjamin Vickers and John Gabriel; 1838, Benjamin Vickers, Levi Haines and John Epps; 1839, Benjamin Vickers, Jason Rice and Roger Poling.

Assessor—1846, Dixon Mitchell; 1848, Thomas Stillings; 1849–55, Amos A. Williams; 1856, William R. Webb; 1857, William Inskeep; 1858, Josiah Knight; 1859–60, Moses Coe; 1861, Dixon Mitchell; 1862–64, Moses Coe; 1865, W. H. Crary; 1866–71, W. R. Webb; 1872–80, Nathan Howard; 1881–82; Eli Norviel.

Constables—1829, David Reed; 1831, John Epps and Elijah Kinney; 1832, James Williams and Cornelius Meshon; 1833, Cornelius Meshon and John P. Reed; 1834, William Inskeep and Romanto Allen; 1835, John P. Reed and Jeremiah Asher; 1836, John Epps and Thomas Dodds; 1837, Christopher Wilbur and Elijah Burroughs; 1838, Levi Wells and Isaac Carr; 1839, John Epps and James Taes; 1840, John Epps; 1841, David Reed and John Epps; 1842, Warren Lathrop and John Epps; 1843, Hollis Amy and John Epps; 1844–45, Thomas Dodds and John Epps; 1846–47, Orsemus J. Fish and John Epps; 1848, John H. Good and John Epps; 1849–50, John Epps and Martin Pyres; 1852–53, John H. Good and John Organ; 1854, Reuben Morse and J. Emerson; 1855, John Epps and James Emerson; 1856, John Epps and Martin Pyers; 1857, Samuel Waddle and Martin Pyers; 1858, Thomas Dawson and Martin Pyers; 1859, Isaac Brodrick, Jr.; 1860, George Williams and James Williams; 1861, John Epps and James Williams; 1862, John Epps and W. H. Crary; 1863, Jacob Cline and John Epps; 1864, John Epps and James Williams; 1865, John Epps and William Jenkins; 1866, John Epps and Joseph Emerson; 1867, R. D. Finley and Isaac Willett; 1868, John Epps and Moses Coolidge; 1869, Amos Foote and Stephen Pyers; 1870–72, John Epps and Stephen Pyers; 1873–74, Eber Norviel and Braley Sprague; 1875, John Bryan and Jeremiah Poling; 1876, John Bryan and L. M. Crary; 1877–78, William Jenkins and L. M. Crary; 1879, John Bryan and James Richcreek; 1880, A. S. Johnson and Lewis Poling; 1881, John Bryan and Levi Norviel; 1882, John Bryan and H. Arrowhood.

Justices of the Peace—1828, William Milligan; 1829, William Snuffin; 1830, John W. Williams; 1836, William W. Haines; 1837–40, A. A. Williams; 1839–42–45, E. W. Crary; 1843, Reuben R. Hale; 1845, A. A. Williams; 1846, William Inskeep; 1848, Dixon Mitchell; 1849, James Kennedy; 1851, Frank Pearl; 1852, John C. Johnson; 1854, Mr. Grubbs; 1855, B. H. B. Griswold; 1857, Reuben Foote; 1858, John Payer; 1860–63–66, Isaac Broderick; 1861, James Kennedy; 1864, W. R. Webb; 1867, B. H. B. Griswold; 1869–72, James Williams; 1870, William L. Robinson; 1873–76–79–82, Adam Wolford; 1875–78, W. P. Jennings; 1881, L. M. Crary.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

ROBERT B. ABRAHAM, deceased. The subject of this memoir was born near Wheeling, West Va., December 9, 1809. When three years of age his parents Daniel and Mary Abraham, removed to Jefferson County, Ohio, where he spent his youth and early manhood. At the age of twelve years, he began an apprenticeship at the carpenter trade in Steubenville, where he spent four years. He then removed to the country, and December 19, 1839, he was married to Miss Margaret J. Coe, a daughter of Moses Coe and Esther Howell. Mrs. Abraham was born in Jefferson County September 10, 1817. Of their eight children, five are living, viz.: Sarah S., Esther M., wife of Isaac Walk; Eliza J., wife of G. E. Adams; Alice A., wife of Charles Chapel, and Minta A., William B., Philip W. and Martha M. are deceased. In 1855, Mr. Abraham removed with his family to Union County, and located on the farm whereon he died. He first bought 125 acres of land, and made additions till their homestead contained 245 acres. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church for many years. His death occurred July 17, 1879. He was a man of benevolent and enterprise, and died with a host of friends.

WILLIAM BALES (deceased) was born in Milton, Hillsboro County, N. H., January 24, 1809. His parents, William L. and Chloe (Halt) Bales, were originally from Vermont. They were both born in 1784, the former March 13, and the latter August 6. William Bales, father of William L. and grandfather of William Bales, the subject of this sketch, was a soldier under Gen. Washington in the Revolution, while his father was engaged on the side of Great Britain, having being pressed into the British ranks. In 1840, Mr. Bales, the father of our subject, came to Union County, and settled in Allen Township, where he died October 4, 1876, aged ninety-two years. His wife preceded him March 10, 1856. William, our subject, was reared to manhood on a farm. February 1, 1838, he was married to Miss Sarah, daughter of James and Rachel Cavender, and a native of Hillsboro County, N. H. She was born March 19, 1818. The fall of 1838, he removed westward, and settled near Newton, Union County, and the following year settled in Allen Township. He cleared up his first farm, which contained 150 acres, from the stumps. He accumulated land to the amount of 400 acres, besides land in the West, but through a turn of ill-luck he lost considerable property. He resided on the West Liberty & Columbus Stage route, and in early days accommodated many a weary traveler. He served as Postmaster of Caberly P. O., about twenty years. He was elected Justice of the Peace, but declined to fill the office. He devoted his undivided attention to farming and raising stock. He was one of the first to introduce Morgan horses in the county. He died a member of the Baptist Church. Politically, he always advocated the doctrines and principles of Democracy. He was the parent of ten children, nine of whom survive him, viz.: William W., married Jenny Dunn; Walter W., married Victoria Inskeep; Clifford C., married Jane Allen; Mary M., wife of Oliver Carter; Rosa, wife of Oliver Inskeep; Frank; Burnham C., married Emma A. Lee; Sarah A., wife of Charles W. Brodrick, and George; Rachel R. is deceased. Mrs. Bales' parents live with her and her children, aged ninety-six and ninety-three years respectively. They have lived a married life of seventy-two years, and reared a family of nine children. They are perhaps the oldest couple in Union County. Mr. Cavender's father came from Ireland in 1775, and served from the beginning to the close of the Revolutionary war.

ISAAC BRODRICK, Sr., farmer, P. O. North Lewisburg, was born in Burlington County, N. J., October 1, 1802. His parents, Isaac Brodrick and Beulah Engle, were of Irish and New Jersey nativity respectively; the former was born July 29, 1772, and the latter December 29, 1772. They were married August 10, 1799, and in 1811 removed to Warren County, Ohio. Isaac, who was a native of Ireland, was a son of Thomas Brodrick (the name was originally Broderick, afterward Bradrick, and subsequently to its present version), for many years a Captain on a vessel plying between Dublin and Philadelphia; he finally died on the water. Isaac, who removed to Warren County, resided there some years, then removed to Darke County, thence to Oxford, Butler County, and in 1824, to Allen Township, Union County, where he died in April, 1837; his widow followed him January 3, 1858. The subject of this sketch was married December 12, 1822, to Hannah J. Wood, daughter of Aquilla and Jane Wood. Mrs. Brodrick was born October 15, 1804, and died April 3, 1877. This union was blest with four children; of these but one survives. The deceased are Mary A., born November 8, 1823, married Richard Wells, and died April 12, 1880; James, born November 15, 1827, and died ; Hannah J., born April 9, 1831, married Charles Van Way, and died March 30, 1880. Isaac, Jr., the eldest son and only living child, was born June 23, 1825. April 10, 1851, he was joined in marriage to Miss Sarah P. Hoff, daughter of Anthony W. and Elizabeth Hoff, and a native of Barbour County, W. Va. She was born March 14, 1834. Eleven children were the fruits of this marriage, viz.: Charles W., John M., Samuel J., Isaac W., Emma L., wife of Oliver McCullough; Eva L., wife of J. R. Benton; Benjamin F., Anna R. and Olive E.; William S. and an infant are deceased. Mr. Brodrick resides on the homestead of his grandfather. His father, who is now in the eighty-first year of his age, resides with him. He is religiously inclined to Quakerism while Mr. and Mrs. Brodrick are members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Brodrick, Jr., has served his township in various official capacities. He filled the offices of Trustee, Treasurer, Clerk and Justice of the Peace, holding the latter office nine years. Politically, he is a Republican. He owns a farm of 175 acres, and is by occupation an agriculturist. The Brodrick family is not entirely without a military record; William Brodrick, a brother of Isaac Brodrick the first, was born in the "land of his fathers," and came to the United States prior to 1776, and served from beginning to the termination of the Revolution; he also served through the late war with Great Britain and Florida war.

GEORGE CARPENTER, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Randolph County, W. Va., May 28, 1822. His parents, Solomon and Catharine (Hill) Carpenter, were natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania. The former was born in 1784, and the latter November 9, of the same year. They were married in Virginia, and had eight children when they came to Union County in 1830. They located in Allen Township, where they both died—Mr. Carpenter August 11, 1837, and Mrs. C. February 5, 1855. George is the youngest of the family. He was reared to maturity on the farm. At his father's death, he took charge of the farm, and conducted it till his mother's death, in 1855. January 17, 1850, he was married to Miss Sarah A. Wilber, a native of Allen Township, and daughter of James and Sarah Wilber. Mrs. C. was born July 31, 1830. Their four children are as follows: Lewis F., Winfield S., Olive, wife of Edward Stillings, and Carlton. Mary, born February —, 1862, and died February —, 1863. Mr. Carpenter occupies the farm located by his father in 1837, when it was all in woods. He began clearing it when only fifteen years old, and has improved most of it himself. He has cultivated the soil of this farm ever since his father's death, except one year he spent in West Middleburg, Logan County. He and wife are members of the Woodstock Universalist Church. In politics, he is of Republican principle.

CALEB CLARK (deceased). The subject of this memoir was born in the Old Dominion July 4, 1814. When twelve years of age, his parents, Angus and Elizabeth (Green) Clark, removed West, settling in Champaign County, Ohio, where they lived for a number of years, and where Mr. Clark died, in 1859, at the age of seventy-six. Mrs. Clark died in Union County March 20, 1881, having attained to the age of ninety-one. Caleb, the subject of this sketch, spent the remainder of his early life on the farm in Champaign County. In 1841, he was married to Rachel Beltz, who was born in Bedford County, Penn., June 2, 1811. He purchased 100 acres of land in Allen Township, and moved on it. He kept adding to his first purchase, till he owned 580 acres of some of the best land in Allen Township. Mr. Clark served his township as Treasurer for six years, and also in various other local offices. Politically, he was strongly Democratic; and was the recognized leader of his party in his township for many years. He was active during the war, and did much to sustain what he considered to be the right. He was a man of enterprise, and aided in the construction of many improvements. His death occurred May 7, 1869; his widow followed him March 7, 1875. Mr. Clark was for many years engaged in breeding and rearing fine stock, in which he ranked with the prominent men of his township. Through his industry he acquired large property, and at his death left his children a legacy of about $12,000 each. Such was the force of character of Mr. Clark. His son Lester was born February 17, 1847, and October 13, 1870, he was married to Jerusha, a daughter of James and Mary Poling, and a native of Allen Township. Mrs. C. was born November 9, 1845. Lester owns 136 acres of the old homestead, and pursues the avocation of his father. Henry C., his third son, was born on the home farm, May 19, 1854, and owns 245 acres of land; he follows the pursuit of rearing fine cattle and French horses. Susan was born February 25, 1845; February 22, 1877, she was married to William Caryl, who was born near Marysville January 30, 1848. They have two children—Effie, born August 24, 1879, and William H., born July 6, 1882. May is deceased; she was born June 15, 1878, and died September 8, 1878.

SHEPHERD CLARK, farmer, P. O. North Lewisburg, a prominent citizen residing in Allen Township, was born in Rush Township, Champaign County, Ohio, June 7, 1832. He is a son of Angus and Elizabeth (Green) Clark, who emigrated from Lancaster, Penn., to Champaign County, Ohio, in 1826, and purchased a farm in Rush Township, containing about 200 acres. He began the work of clearing up his forest farm and made some of the first improvements in that locality. The greater part of the county yet dwelt in its wild state, and Mr. Clark was one of the first pioneers to open it up for immigration. While land was cheap, he continued to make additions till his farm constituted about 500 acres of the finest land in Rush Township, and which he improved to a high state of cultivation. About 150 acres was largely composed of sugar camp, and for twenty-five years he was engaged in manufacturing maple sugar, doing an extensive business, making from 8,000 to 10,000 pounds annually. Mr. Clark died in 1859, leaving an estate valued at $60,000. Mrs. Clark lived to be ninety-one years of age, her death occurring March 20, 1881. Her father, Nehemiah Green, was a Revolutionary patriot. He served throughout the war, and while a prisoner, was poisoned, from which he subsequently died at North Lewisburg, at the age of eighty years. Mr. Clark, the subject of this notice, is the youngest of nine children. He spent his early life on the farm where he was born, and received his education in the common schools of his native place. In 1856, the year following his first marriage, he removed to Allamakee County, Iowa, and lived four years, then returned to his native place, where he resided till 1867, when he purchased his present valuable farm. In 1877, he erected a two-story brick residence, at an expense of $10,000. It is situated on a beautiful elevation, some distance back from the pike, and forms the finest location in the township. In early life Mr. Clark formed a strong taste for farming, and has always followed its pursuits in the most thorough, practical and scientific manner. He has followed, in connection with his agriculture, breeding, rearing and dealing in fine stock. Mr. Clark is considered one of the finest agriculturists Union County affords. He is a man whose energies are alive to all public improvements and enterprises such as are intended to benefit and enrich the county or people. He owns, besides his home farm, which contains 320 acres, 290 acres in Rush Township, Champaign County. He has been prominently identified with the Agricultural Society of Union County and for some years a regular exhibitor at its annual fairs. He is a member of the

Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Ohio Farmers' and Horsemen's Mutual Protection Company, and Vice President of the Bank of North Lewisburg. Mr. Clark served his township in the capacity of Trustee three terms, and as Land Appraiser in 1870; he was elected to other offices, but declined to fill them. He is associated with the Masonic fraternity, in which order he has taken the Red Cross degree; he is also connected with Commandery No. 19. During the war, Mr. Clark was active in the interest of the Union, and was liberal in clearing the township of the draft and furnishing means for the soldiers. His political affiliations have always been with the Republican party. Mr. Clark has been twice married; the first time to Miss Hannah Barney, who died and left four children, viz., Flora E., wife of Joseph Spain, Alice, Lucy E. and Charles. His second marriage occurred April 16, 1870, to Miss Eliza Asher, daughter of John and Deborah Asher. Mrs. Clark was born in Logan County, Ohio, August 25, 1838. Five children were given to bless this union—Pearl, John E., George, Ada and Blanche.

CAPT. JONAS C. CLINE, merchant, Pottersburg, was born in Washington County, Penn., November 1, 1824. His father, Michael Cline, was born in Germany March 8, 1789, and his mother, Phebe Condit, was born in Wales November 12, 1800. Mr. Cline was a son of William and Margaret Cline (originally Kline), who were also natives of Germany. Mr. Cline died in his native country, and some years afterward Mrs. Cline, with her three children—George, William and Michael—emigrated to America. George settled near Cincinnati; William, near Wheeling, W. Va., and Michael and his widowed mother settled in Washington County, Penn., where he grew to manhood. He served one year as Drum Major in the war of 1812, and then returned to his former home in Pennsylvania, where he married Miss Lovina Clutter, who died there. In 1817, he was again married—to Miss Phebe Condit, daughter of Jonas and Eunice Condit, who crossed the waters from Wales about the year 1812. In 1827, Mr. Cline removed to Belmont County, Ohio, thence to Knox County, where he died in 1866. Mrs. C. died in Union County in 1877. Capt. Cline is the youngest son of nine children. He was reared on a farm till seventeen years old, when he came to Union County and learned the carpenter trade, which he followed till the breaking-out of the war. August 7, 1862, he responded to the call of his country, by enlisting in Company K, Ninety-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was elected First Lieutenant, and served in that rank till April 1, 1863, when he was promoted to Captain, and assigued to Company C. He remained in charge of this company till March 11, 1864, when he received an honorable discharge at Frankelton, La., on account of disability. Among the principal battles in which he was engaged were: Chickasaw Bluffs, Arkansas Post, siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Grand Coteau, and a number of minor engagements. At the last named battle he was slightly, but not seriously wounded. At the expiration of his term of service he returned to Allen Center, and resumed his trade, following it up to 1868, when he engaged in merchandising at Pottersburg, where he has enjoyed a good trade. January 11, 1848, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth A. Ware, a daughter of Lester Ware, and a native of Champaign County. Her birth occurred January 24, 1831. They were blessed with five children, of whom four are living: Lester W., Allie F., wife of Franklin Robinson, Ira B., and Phillelia A., wife of George Burr. Mr. Cline and family are members of the Universalist Church. Mr. C. is connected with the F., & A. M. and I. O. O. F. orders, and Post of the Grand Army. He served as Township Treasurer two terms, and politically is a Republican. His farm, located near Allen Center, contains seventy-one acres.

PHILIP COE, farmer, P. O. Milford Center. The subject of this sketch was born in Washington County, Penn., April 28, 1823. He is the eldest son of Daniel and Mary (Gladden) Coe, the former a native of Washington County, Penn., and the latter of Jefferson County, Ohio. He was born in March, 1801, and his wife, to whom he was married in 1822, was born January 18, 1803. Mrs. Coe's parents were among the earliest pioneers of Jefferson County. In March, 1834, Mr. Coe and family removed to Union County, locating temporarily in Union Township; then removed and settled in Allen Township, where Mr. Coe bought a farm of 200 acres of Reuben P. Mann; the same spring he made an addition of 160 acres to the original purchase. This whole tract of land, except a few acres, was in its primitive condition. There were few improvements, and, there being no mill within a convenient distance, in 1837 Mr. Coe erected a mill on Big Darby, in Allen Township, which he operated twelve years. In 1850, during the gold excitement, he, with his second son, Joseph, started for California. While crossing the plains he was seized with the flux, and after a severe illness returned home and died January 18, 1851. He served in various official capacities of the township and was Elder in the Presbyterian Church at his death. He was the parent of twelve children, five of whom are living. Philip, the subject of this sketch, was reared to manhood on the farm and received his education in the pioneer schools of his day. At an early age, he took charge of his father's farm and conducted it successfully till his (father's) death. October 10, 1850, he was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Woodworth, a daughter of Charles and Laura Woodworth. She was born in Massachusetts May 17, 1833, and died June 21, 1854. Mr. Coe celebrated his second marriage February 8, 1855, with Louisa S. Smith, daughter of James R. and Anna (Masters) Smith. Mrs. Coe was born September 15, 1832. Nine children were the fruits of this union; eight are living, viz.: Anna I., Mary E., Lottie M., William D., Charles H., James P., Martha L. and Walter T. Mr. and Mrs. Coe are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Coe is identified with the I. O. O. F. and Masonic order, in which he has taken the Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree. Politically, Mr. Coe is of pure Republican sentiment. He has always displayed a deep interest in all religious and educational enterprises. By occupation he is an agriculturist and stock-raiser. Since 1858 he has been engaged in manufacturing cheese. He keeps thirty cows and makes from 10,000 to 12,000 pounds of cheese annually. His farm contains 328 acres of finely-improved land, and is adorned with a large and commodious frame residence, with all the latest improvements. It is furnished with a furnace, gas in all the rooms, and cold and hot water baths.

WILLIAM H. CRARY, farmer, P. O. North Lewisburg, Clerk of Allen Township, was born near his place of residence August 12, 1840. He is a son of Ebenezer W. and Harriet M. (Morse) Crary, natives of Connecticut and New York. In 1836, they removed from what is now Lake County, Ohio, to Allen Township, where Mr. Crary bought a farm of 135 acres. He died near Sandusky, Ohio, in October, 1846. Mrs. Crary departed this life March 6, 1877. While Mr. Crary lived in Allen, he held several important township offices; among them was Justice of the Peace for six years, Clerk two years and Land Appraiser one year. He and wife were formerly members of the Presbyterian Church, but when they came to this county they united with the Lutheran Church. They had five children, three of whom they reared to maturity. William H., our subject, is the eldest; he was brought up on the old homestead and educated in the common schools. June 14, 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss Olive A. Inskeep, daughter of William and Mary Inskeep, and a native of Allen Township. She was born January 11, 1841. Five children were born to this marriage; of these three are living—Jennie M., born October 24, 1869; Charlie F., born June 16, 1876; and Mary E., born July 29, 1878. Mr. Crary is now filling the office of Township Clerk for the eleventh year. He owns a half-interest in a farm of 135 acres and is engaged in farming. He was the chief worker in securing petitions for some of the first pikes in the township, and has been engaged more or less in their construction since their first introduction in the township. He and wife are ardent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which they have been prominently identified for twenty-three years. Politically, Mr. Crary is a stanch Republican.

B. H. B. GRISWOLD, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, an old and respected pioneer of Union County, was born in Goshen Township, Champaign County, April 19, 1816. He was a son of James and Polly (Beal) Griswold, and a grandson of Obadiah Beal, a Revolutionary patriot, who served from beginning to end in the Revolution. He migrated to Champaign County, Ohio, some time during the war of 1812, and died in that county. Mr. Griswold's parents were married in Rutland, Vt., and removed to Champaign County about 1814. They survived the scourge of typhoid fever of 1822–23. Mr. Griswold subsequently removed to Union County, where he died. Our subject is the eldest son and third child of seven children. He passed his boyhood and early manhood on his father's farm, and received such an education as the common schools of the day afforded. When nineteen years of age, he assumed the payment of twenty-three acres of land, thus furnishing a home for his parents. In 1850, he purchased his present farm and settled on it the same spring. Mr. Griswold has cleared and improved his land to a good farm and has always followed its pursuits. October 30, 1837, he was joined in marriage with Amanda Melvina Peck, a daughter of Thomas Peck. Mrs. Griswold was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, May 3, 1814. They were blest with two children—Cynthia J., wife of E. C. Marsh, and Serepta J. Mrs. Griswold departed this life February , 1874. Mr. Griswold is a member of the First Universalist Church of Woodstock, and in politics is a Republican. He has been prominently identified with the Grange since its organization in the county, having served as Master, Lecturer and Chaplain. He was Justice of the Peace of Allen Township two terms and Trustee twelve years, besides other local offices. Mr. Griswold has been a useful and active citizen. He owns a good farm, containing 150 acres.

CLEMENT B. HOLYCROSS, farmer, P. O. North Lewisburg, second son of Abraham and Hester A. Holycross, was born on the old homestead, in Allen Township, March 13, 1845. He was reared to manhood in his native place and educated in the common schools. May 2, 1864, he was enrolled as a soldier in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment Ohio National Guard. He served as drummer, and was discharged with the honors of a faithful soldier September 3, 1864. September 12, 1866, he was married to Miss Settie Epps, a native of Champaign County, and a daughter of Thomas and Clarissa Epps. She was born May 11, 1846. One son, Orrie B., blesses this union; he was born April 5, 1873. Mr. H. owns a farm of sixty-eight acres and is engaged in agriculture and keeping Poland-China hogs. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics, he is a Bepublican.

ROBERT C. HOLYCROSS, youngest son of Abraham and Hester A. Holycross, was born in Allen Township, December 5, 1854. He was reared a farmer boy, and educated in the common schools. December 24, 1874, he was joined in marriage to Miss Mary, daughter of Nelson and Almira Cooksey. Mrs. H. was born in Allen Township May 21, 1856. Their three children are Arthur L., born November 18, 1875; Edgar A., born November 5, 1878, and Grace B., born December 14, 1880. Mr. Holycross owns sixty-three acres of the old homestead and is engaged in farming.

NATHAN HOWARD, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Union Township, Union County, September 21, 1831. His parents, William and Nancy (McDonald) Howard, were natives of Windham, Conn. His father was born June 18, 1802, and his mother June 19, 1807. They were married in Union County in 1830. His parents, William and Phebe Howard, were also natives of Windham, Conn.; the former was born January 18, 1749, and died July 18, 1822, and the latter born July 15, 1759, and died December 3, 1806. John and Sarah (Bennett) Howard, parents of the last named William Howard, were born in Ipswich Mass., February 15, 1715, and October 21, 1722. They were married in Hampton, Conn., January 8. 1840; he died June 16, 1789, and she March 19, 1812. John Howard was the eldest son of John and Mary (Martin) Howard, also natives of Ipswich. John was born in 1683, and his wife February 22, 1713. They settled in the Howard Valley, near Hampton, Conn., in 1733. This John Howard was a son of William Howard, who was born in Ipswich in 1634 and died in the same place, July 25, 1709. His father, Thomas Howard, was born about 1600, and emigrated from England to America only fourteen years after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers, and died near Ipswich, Mass., April 15, 1686. William and Nancy Howard, the parents of the subject of this sketch, emigrated West and settled in Union Township, Union County, in 1830. Mr. Howard died June 10, 1839, and his widow, February 15, 1876. They were the parents of three children—Nathan, the subject of this sketch; Harriet L. and William. Mrs. Howard was a daughter of Thomas McDonald, who moved from Ross County, Ohio, to Union in 1808, and settled a mile and a half north, above Milford Center, on the north side of Big Darby, and there cleared a large farm and reared a family of thirteen children, of whom Mrs. Howard was the fifth child. Mr. McDonald died March 26, 1855, aged eighty-five. Mrs. Howard was left a widow with three children in 1839. The farm contained 500 acres, but was all wild land, and 200 acres were not yet paid for. She was a lady of unusual business qualifications and judgment, and conducted the farm successfully till her children were grown. Our subject was reared to manhood on the farm and received the rudiments of his education in the common schools. When of age, he was given the business of the farm, which he managed till 1859, when the farm, which contained 600 acres, was divided between him and William, the daughter, Harriet L., having died a short time before. In 1860, he moved to a log cabin which had been erected by Thomas McDonald, and lived in it six years; then occupied a frame till 1876, when he built his present large and commodious brick residence at a cost of $6,000. The homestead farm is known as the " Indian Field Farm,' and is one of the best improved on the creek. Mr. Howard has continued to buy and add land to the homestead till he now owns a tract of 1400 acres, ranking at the present time as one of the wealthiest and largest land owners in Union County. He was a member of the company that imported among the first French and Clydesdale horses to the United States. Mr. Howard has been extensively engaged in breeding and rearing French horses and thoroughbred short-horned cattle. For the last five years he has kept Shropshiredown sheep for mutton purposes. He is a regular exhibitor of fine stock at the annual fairs, of which he served as member of the Agricultural Board ten years and Vice President two years. He was Assessor of Allen seven years, and in 1880 was elected to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Howard is a successful business man. He was married September 21, 1859, to Helen M. Hathaway, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary A. (Hopkins) Hathaway. Mrs. Howard was born in Union Township May 17, 1839. Four children were born to this Union; of them three are living, viz., Charles M., Corrie and Otto N.; Hattie C. is deceased.

WILLIAM INSKEEP (deceased), more commonly known as "Lawyer Bill," was born in Logan County, Ohio. He was a son of Job and Patience (Bishop) Inskeep, originally of Culpeper County, Va. They removed to Ross County, Ohio, in pioneer days, and some years later to Logan County, where they both died. Mr. Inskeep, our subject, married Miss Mary Stokes, daughter of Joseph Stokes, and a native of Logan County. Her parents were native of Culpeper County, Va., and also pioneers of Logan County. In 1831, Mr. Inskeep removed to Union County and settled in Allen Township, where he purchased 100 acres of land. He erected a house and cleared up the farm. He served both as Trustee and Treasurer of Allen Township, and was Postmaster of Cuberly P. O., for a number of years. His death occurred in September, 1845. He was the father of seven children, three of whom are living—Hiram S., Olive A., wife of W. H. Crary, and William. Hiram S., was born May 1, 1833, and March 26, 1876, he married Miss Margaret Spain, a daughter of Washington and Sarah Spain, and a native of Union County. They have two children—Omer W. and Ila L. William E. was born May 16, 1843. March 29, 1868, he was married to Miss Rosetta Curl, of Xenia, where she was born July, 1848. One child, French, blesses this union. September, 1861, William volunteered in Company C, Seventeenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served in the Army of the Cumberland, and fought in the following engagements: Stone River, Perryville, Wild Cat Mountain, Hoover's Gap, and in the approach to Corinth, which lasted fifteen days. He was honorably discharged October 9, 1864. He returned home and with his brother has followed farming. He was commander of Company D, Seventh Regiment of Ohio National Guards, at North Lewisburg, seven years. He is now serving his twelfth term as member of the Board of Township Trustees. Mr. Inskeep and brother reside together and are engaged in farming, and in the line of live stock they make a specialty in breeding and rearing thoroughbred Poland-China hogs. They own a farm of

104 acres of well improved land. Politically, they are Republicans. Their sisters, deceased, were Louisa, Olive, Victoria and Matilda A.

ALGERNON S. JOHNSON, merchant, North Lewisburg. The ancestral history of this family can be traced back to the reign of George III, when a man bearing the name of Johnson emigrated a colony from England and settled at Auburn, N. J., where King George granted them a township of land. The subject of this notice was born in Athens County, Ohio, June 16, 1807. His father, Samuel B. Johnson, was a native of Washington County, N. Y., and his mother, Rebecca Wilkin, of Amherst, N. H. His grandfather, Azel Johnson, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, under Gen. La Fayette. His father-in-law, Samuel Brown, was an old Revolutioner, and was wounded at Bunker Hill. In 1798, Mr. Johnson and family removed to Marietta, Ohio, and in 1803 to Athens County, where he died, aged eighty-three years. In 1830, our subject's parents removed to Union County, and settled in Paris Township, where they both died; the former June 17, 1843, and the latter August 3, 1854. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. He came to Allen Township at an early day and cleared up a farm. November 25, 1857, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Charlotte, widow of Avar Mallory (deceased), and daughter of Gideon and Nancy Draper. They have four children—Marcella R., Lucy W., Adaline F. and Sarah A. Mr. Johnson owns a farm of 100 acres. Since he was a boy of thirteen years, he has dealt largely in live stock.

WILLIAM H. JORDAN, farmer, West Middleburg, Logan County, was born near Marysville, Ohio, November 23, 1835. He is the third son of William H. and Nancy Jordan. His early life was spent on a farm, and his education obtained in the common schools. When ten years of age his parents removed to Champaign County. In 1853, he went to Coles County, Ill., and in 1855 returned to his native county. August 12, 1861, he entered the ranks of the Union army, as a member of Company C, Seventeenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Fourteenth Army Corps. He was chosen Corporal, and subsequently was promoted to First Sergeant. He veteranized in January, 1864, and re-enlisted in his old company, serving till the war closed. He was engaged in the following battles: Wild Cat, Mill Springs, evacuation of Cornith by the rebels, Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Tullahoma, Chickamauga and Resaca. Then joined Sherman, and participated in all the engagements on the Atlanta campaign and all the battles in close proximity to Atlanta. He then marched to Savannah, and was active in all the conflicts of that famous march, and afterward went to Washington D. C. and attended the grand review. He was discharged with the honors of a *veteran* at Columbus, Ohio, in July, 1865. He bears the scar of a slight wound received at the memorable engagement of Chickamauga. November, 1865, he married Miss Melissa Cowgill, daughter of Elisha and Mary Cowgill, by whom he has has had three children—John C., born June 22, 1867; Jennie B., born December 19, 1870, and George E., born January 7, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan are members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Jordan is politically a stanch Republican. He served as Township Trustee one term. He owns a farm of 112 acres and follows farming and rearing thoroughbred short-horned cattle.

SAMUEL P. KIMBALL, farmer, P. O. Woodstock, a prominent Spanish Merino sheep breeder of Union County, was born in Champaign County September 6, 1851. He is a son of Truman M. and Mary J. Kimball, of Champaign County. He passed his early life on his father's farm and acquired his education in the common schools. October 8, 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Sallie McMahill, a daughter of James and Elizabeth McMahill. Mrs. Kimball was born in Champaign County May 10, 1860. One daughter was born to this marriage—Mary Trent, born September 4, 1877. In 1878, Mr. Kimball took charge of 260 acres of his father's farm, partly located in Union County. He has been engaged in farming and rearing live stock, making a prominent specialty in breeding and keeping thoroughbred Spanish Merino sheep. He has over 200 head of registered Merinos, besides fine Durham cattle and French horses, and is a regular exhibitor at the Union County fairs. Mr. Kimball is a young man of enterprise and has achieved a marked success with fine stock. Politically, he is of Republican views. Mrs. Kimball is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JACOB LEONARD, farmer, P. O. Marysville, a native of Allen Township, was born March 6, 1838. His parents were Abraham and Elizabeth (Paver) Leonard. Mr. Leonard was born in 1772, and when a young man came to Pickaway County, Ohio, and followed driving cattle over the mountains to Eastern markets till 1801, when he came to Union County and settled on the North Fork of Buck Run, where he was among the first settlers. He purchased a farm of 200 acres for which he gave a horse worth $80, and $120 in gold. He served in the war of 1812, and died May 7, 1853. His widow survived him until January 14, 1860, when she died at the age of fifty-three years. Jacob, our subject, is the second son and fifth child of seven children, four of whom are living, viz.: James, Susannah, Rachel and Jacob. Jacob was brought up on the old homestead, and with his brother aided in clearing a large portion of it. He owns a farm of 214 acres of land; besides his agricultural pursuits, he is engaged in keeping Norman and Clydesdale horses, which are among his exhibits at the annual fairs. November 18, 1869, he was married to Miss Jane McGill, a daughter of Eli and Millie McGill, and a native of Preston County, Va. She was born March 1, 1852. They have four children—Susie B., Millie D., Effie and Cora. Maudie and Carrie are deceased.

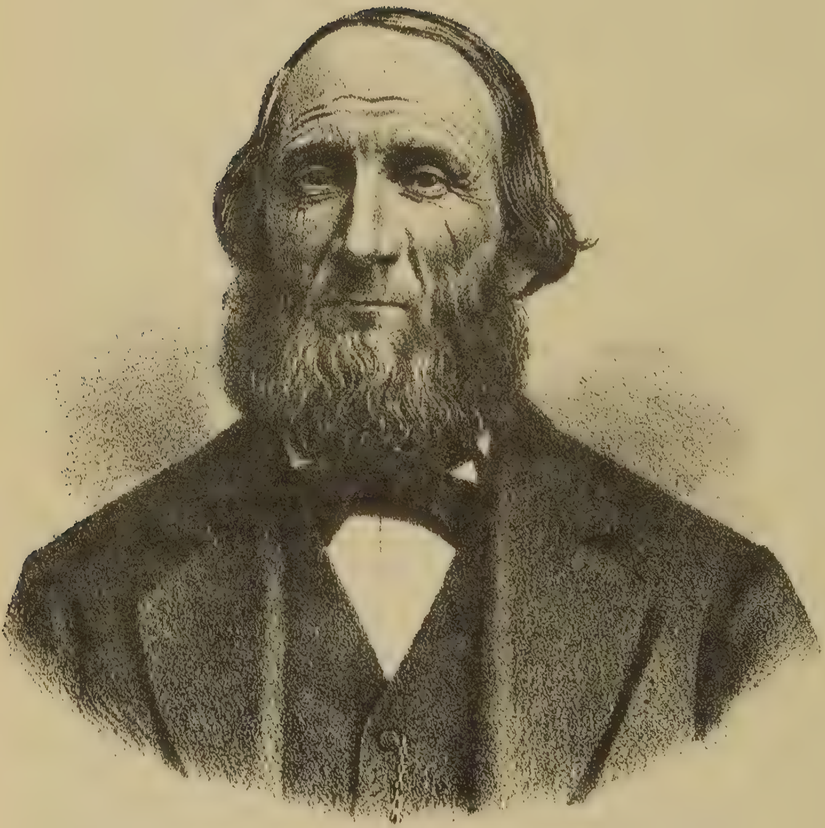
OLIVER E. LINCOLN, farmer and fine stock dealer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, July 4, 1848. He is the third son of Charles Lincoln, for many years a prominent fine stock breeder and dealer of Champaign County. He was raised on his father's farm and educated in the common schools. February 20, 1871, he was united in marriage to Sarah Coolidge, daughter of G. W. and Paulina. Mrs. Lincoln was born in Union County January 6, 1849. Five children were born to this union, viz.: Dwight, Ora E., Mary B., Oliver E. and an infant son. In the fall of 1875, Mr. Lincoln located on the farm he now occupies, which contains 192 acres of well-improved land. Mr. Lincoln has been engaged in keeping thoroughbred short-horn cattle. , His father was one of the prominent fine cattle breeders of the State. Mr. Lincoln is a member of the importing company of O. E. Lincoln & Co., engaged in importing French horses and French Merino sheep. He was the prime mover in the organization of this company and is one of its chief supporters. He is a man of enterprise and has been an exhibitor of his fine stock at the Union County fairs. Politically, he is identified with the Republican party.

SAMUEL MARSH, farmer, P. O. Marysville, an old pioneer of Union County, was born in Randolph County, W. Va., May 30, 1809. He is a son of Benjamin Marsh, a native of Old Virginia, and Sarah Minear, a native of Germany, and a daughter of Adam Minear, who came from Germany to America during the Indian hostilities, and settled in Harrison County, Va., where Mr. Minear met a tragic death at the hands of the relentless savages. Mr. Marsh spent his youth and early manhood in his native place, where his parents died. In 1835, he removed his family to Allen Township, Union County, and settled on eighty-two and one-half acres of his present farm. He now owns a large farm, with good improvements. He has always pursued the avocation of farming and stock-raising, and has met with success. He has devoted especial attention to keeping fine cattle and sheep. He was married the first time, April 14, 1831, to Miss Mary Ryan, a daughter of John and Sarah Ryan, and a native of Randolph County, Va. She was born August 6, 1807, and died December 3, 1868. This union was blessed with eight children, of whom six are living—Loyal Y., Sarah J., wife of Owen Wilber, Randolph C., Emeline C., Stanton, and Jemima E., wife of Mr. Marsh. Felix R., a deceased son, was a member of a Kansas regiment in the late war, and was taken prisoner and died. Mr. Marsh was again married June 16, 1869, to Miss Abby Pierce, daughter of Timothy and Pattie Pierce. Mrs. Marsh was born in Madison County, N. Y., August 28, 1825. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Marysville. Mr. Marsh's political views are Republican. He served as Township Trustee two terms, and as a member of the Board of Infirmary Directors.

STANTON MARSH, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, youngest son of Samuel and Mary (Ryan) Marsh, was born on the home farm July 7, 1845. He spent his early life on the farm, and received his training in the common schools. September 3, 1864, he entered the infantry service in Company F, One Hundred and Seventy-ninth Regiment, and, with his command, served in the Cumberland Army. He was at Nashville when Hood threatened that city, and served on guard duty till June 7, 1865, when he was discharged. January 25, 1867, he was married to Miss Alice J. Wood, daughter of William C. and Maria Wood. Mrs. Marsh was born in Allen Township February 3, 1847. They have two children—Willie E. and Lulie E. Mr. Marsh took possession of his present farm in 1867 ; it contains ninety acres of well improved and cultivated land. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Milford Center.

JOHN PAVER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, was born November 13, 1819. He is a son of John Paver and Mary Wagner, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Virginia. They were married and came to Fairfield County in 1802, the year Ohio became a State. In 1829, they removed to Union County, and located on the farm now occupied by our subject. Mr. Paver was called out into military service soon after Hull's surrender, and served six months. The subject of this sketch was reared on the homestead. March 19, 1846, he married Maria Poling, daughter of John and Sarah Poling, who came to Union County in 1837. Of fifteen children by this marriage, eleven are living, viz.: Sarah A., wife of Charles Wilson, George, James, Ira, Cynthia, wife of Arthur Wagner, Martha J., wife of Ira Donohoe, Louisa, Maria, wife of Henderson Turner, Alfred, Alice, wife of F. Hall, and John. Mrs. Paver departed this life October —, 1879. Mr. Paver filled the office of Justice of the Peace one term, and served as Township Trustee eight years. Politically, he is Democratic. He owns a farm of 500 acres, and is engaged in farming and rearing stock.

SAMUEL REAM, farmer, P. O. Pottersburg, was born in Perry County, Penn., July 16, 1814. He is a son of John and Catharine (Shookerd) Ream, and a grandson of a Mr. Ream who was a soldier in the American Revolution. He removed to Ross County, Ohio, some years after the Revolution had ended. He died there at an advanced age. Samuel is the fourth son, and was raised to maturity on a farm. In 1850, he came with his family to Allen Center ; removed to Darby Township in 1852, and six years later returned to Allen and located on his present farm, which was all in woods. He cleared a place and erected a log house, and has since improved his farm to its present condition. In 1839, he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of



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George and Sarah Featherland, of Virginia, where she was born. Of seven children by this marriage, six are living—George, Mathias, Elizabeth, Frank, Delia and Samuel. Sarah A. is deceased. Mr. Ream has always pursued farming, and has been successful. He made all his property through industry and economy, and his dealings have been honest and upright. He is a Democrat of the old Jacksonian school.

GEORGE REAM, farmer, P. O. Pottersburg, eldest son of Samuel and Elizabeth Ream, was born in Ross County, Ohio, March 10, 1842. In 1856, he came to this county with his parents and lived till of age. May 2, 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment of the Ohio National Guards, and served till September 2, 1864, when he received an honorable discharge. September 1, 1881, he was married to Mrs. Ortensie R. Robinson, widow of Willian Robinson (deceased) and daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Eaton. Mrs. Ream was born in Allen Township January 1, 1847. She was first married March 13, 1873, and had two children—Adolphus B., born April 16, 1874, and Mary A., born March 22, 1877. Mr. Robinson was born in Canada January 1, 1844. He was a member of Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment Ohio National Guards, during the latter part of the war, and died February 28, 1879. Mrs. Ream is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically, Mr. Ream is a Democrat. He owns a farm of 182 acres and is engaged in farming and stock-raising.

THOMAS STILLINGS, farmer, P. O. Milford Center. The subject of this biography was born in Harford County, Md., November 30, 1816. His parents, James and Mary (Barnes) Stillings, were also natives of Harford County. Mr. Stillings was born May 8, 1785, and Mrs. S. November 1, 1791. In 1828, they removed to Clark County, Ohio, and settled ten miles east of Springfield, where they resided till 1833, and came and located in Allen Township, where Mr. Stillings bought a tract of 200 acres of land ; he afterward added 100 acres to the original purchase. He was drafted and served in the war of 1812. His death occurred in the fall of 1865, and his wife followed some two years after. Thomas is the second son in a family of ten children. February 21, 1842, he was married to Miss Somelia, daughter of James C. and Providence Dines. Mrs. Stillings was born in Clark County, Ohio, June 14, 1823. Of four sons three are living, viz.: William, married Emma Wood ; Edward, married Olive Carpenter ; and French G., married Ella Vance ; Lewis, the eldest son, is deceased. He was born December 15, 1844, and September 3, 1864, in tender manhood, he responded to the country's call and enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Seventy-ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. While in the service, he contracted the measles and died January 15, 1865, while home on a furlough. He was a patriotic soldier boy and now sleeps with the fallen heroes of the Union. In 1844, Mr. Stillings purchased eighty-seven acres of his present farm, and with thirty-seven acres as a present from his father, he began life. He now owns 302 acres of finely improved land constituting the home farm, besides acres in Union Township. Mr. Stillings started in life like many others of his day, in limited circumstances. By his untiring energy and industry he has made for himself a large and valuable competence, and ranks as one of the solid and substantial men of the county. Farming and stock-raising has been his exclusive occupation, and in which he has been crowned with eminent success. Mr. Stillings, although not an office aspirant, has filled various official capacities in his township. He is now serving his third term as Township Trustee. The portrait of Mr. S. that appears in this was made from an ambrotype taken when he was forty-two years of age.

EDWARD STILLINGS, farmer and fine stock raiser and dealer, P. O. Milford Center, was born on the old homstead in Allen Township, February 3, 1850. He is the third son of Thomas and Somelia Stillings, early pioneers of Union County. He was reared and brought up on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools and union schools of Marysville. September 14, 1876, he was united in marriage with Miss Olive Carpenter, the only daughter of George and Sarah A. Carpenter. Mrs. Stillings is a native of Allen Township : was born September 14, 1866. They have had three children—Daisy May, born June 13, 1880 ; and French C., born March 25, 1882 ; Arthur T., the eldest, is deceased. He was born March 15, 1878, and died August 11, 1879. June 1, 1877, Mr. Stillings located on his farm where he has since resided. He is engaged in farming, but devotes most of his attention to breeding fine stock. He is a member of the importing company of O E. Lincoln & Co., who are engaged in importing thoroughbred Norman and Percheron draft horses from France. He also has some fine Kentucky driving horses. He has in his possession a French mare which weighed, when three years old, 2,000 pounds. Mr. Stillings is an enterprising young man. He owns a highly cultivated farm adjoining the homestead.

SAMUEL WADDEL, farmer, P. O. North Lewisburg, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, was born December 8, 1826. He is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dixon) Waddel, natives of Pennsylvania, and whose parents were among the first pioneer settlers of Fairfield County, Ohio. Samuel, the subject of this sketch, was reared to manhood in his native place. His father died when he was but little more than six years of age. April, 1856, he with his mother came to Union County and settled on the farm he now occupies, where his mother died April 22, 1858. Mr. Waddel, when he first settled here, bought a farm of seventy-four acres, which he has cleared and improved. April 21, 1853, he married to Miss Elizabeth Zemmer, daughter of Abraham and Susan Zemmer, a native of Pickaway County, Ohio. Their two children are:

Catharine I. born November 12, 1854, married H. E. Spain; and Letitia E., born February 28, 1858. Mr. Waddel and family are members of the U. B. Church. In politics, Mr. Waddel is a Republican. He was a member of the Board of Township Trustees four years, and since 1870 has filled the office of Township Treasurer. He owns a farm of eighty-eight acres, and is engaged in agricultural pursuits.

JAMES WILBER, an aged pioneer of Union County, was born in Rhode Island November 22, 1799. When a boy his parents, Owen and Sarah (Pierce) Wilber, removed to Madison County, N. Y. His father was a soldier for awhile in the war of 1812, and died in 1820; his widow survived him over forty years, she dying in January, 1861, at the ripe age of ninety-three years. Mr. Wilber, the subject of this sketch, spent his early life and manhood on a farm. In 1817, he came to Ohio with Mr. John Coolidge and family, who settled near Milford Center, Union County. He returned to New York in 1820, and remained one year, but having a preference for the West, which he considered afforded superior advantages for the young man, he returned to Union County, where he worked by the day and month, till 1829, when he married. In 1837, he purchased 100 acres of his present farm, which then dwelt in its forest state. He cleared a site for a house, which he erected of logs. He, with the assistance of his sons, cleared up the land of a farm of about 200 acres. Mr. Wilber aided in making numerous improvements in the way of early roads, schools and churches. October 29, 1829, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Cameron, daughter of John and Anna Cameron, who removed from Pennsylvania to Hamilton County, Ohio, in 1811, thence to Warren County, and in 1824 to Champaign County, and six years later (1830), to Jackson Township, this county. Mr. Cameron died July 27, 1849, aged eighty-three years. When a young man he spent several years in transporting provisions by flat-boat, from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati. His widow survived him a number of years, and died August 17, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Wilber have been blessed with nine children; of these six are living—Sarah A., wife of George Carpenter, Owen, Edwin, William, Addie, wife of D. J. Woods, and Zachary; Almeda, Olive and Joseph, are deceased. Mr. Wilbur has made farming and stock-raising his sole occupation, and followed it successfully up to December 15, 1878, when he was stricken with paralysis, which has entirely disabled him from all business. Mr. Wilber has been called upon to fill various offices of trust in his township, and among them Treasurer and Trustee, which positions he held for several years. He has always been an active citizen and has displayed a lively interest in all improvements and enterprises of his township and county. And now when age and relentless disease has unfitted him for the performance of other duties, it can be said of him that his life was one of industry, usefulness and success.

OWEN WILBER, farmer, P. O. North Lewisburg, eldest son of James and Sarah Wilber, was born in Allen Township June 25, 1832. His early life he spent on the homestead, and received his education, though very limited, in the district schools. He with his brothers, aided in hewing down the forest and clearing up the old farm. March 29, 1855, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J., daughter of Samuel and Sarah J. Marsh. Mrs. Wilber is a native of Virginia, was born March 9, 1841. They have had two children—Alice L., wife of E. B. Morehouse, of Dayton, and A. D., the youngest; he married Sarah Snuffin. Soon after his marriage Mr. Wilbur located on the farm he now occupies. His occupation consists of agricultural and stock-raising, making a leading pursuit of keeping Poland-China hogs, and French and Clydesdale horses. In 1861, he enlisted in the Ninty-sixth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, but on account of disability was never mustered into the service. May 2, 1864, he and his brother Edwin, volunteered their services in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment Ohio National Guards, and served on garrison duty at Fort Ellsworth till discharged at Camp Chase, Ohio, August 31, 1864. He then returned to his farm, and has been engaged in its pursuits successfully ever since. He has liberally assisted in the construction of the pike improvements of his township and community. He filled the office of Township Clerk four terms. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church. His political associations have always been with the Republican party.

EDWIN WILBER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, second son of James and Sarah Wilber, was born in Allen Township December 13, 1834. He passed his childhood and early manhood on the farm, and acquired his education in the common schools. October 18, 1860, he was joined in marriage to Miss O. M. Eaton, a daughter of Joshua and Mary Eaton, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts respectively. Mrs. Wilber was born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, February 2, 1831. Their children are Elmer, Annie, Alonzo and Estelle M. One child died in infancy. May 2, 1864, Mr. Wilber enlisted as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regimental Battalion of the Ohio National Guards. He was employed principally on garrison duty near Washington, D. C., till September 15, 1864, when he was honorably discharged from the service. He returned home, and resumed the pursuits of farming and stock-raising, his present avocation. In 1856, he and his brother Owen purchased 246 acres of land, and, in 1858, his father transferred to him 123 acres. His farm now contains 244 acres of land, well improved and under a high state of cultivation. In stock-raising, he has made a specialty of Poland-China hogs, in which he has made a marked success. Mr. Wilber has displayed an interest in all improvements, and especially has pikes received his aid and co-operation in their construction. He is now serving his second term as member of the Board of Township Trustees. Politically, he is a member of the Republican party.

ISAAC WILLET, farmer, P. O. North Lewisburg, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Allen Township, was born near Woodstock, Champaign County, Ohio, May 19, 1837. His father, David Willet, was a native of Harrison County, W. Va., and his mother, Elizabeth (Rogers) Willett, of Ross County, Ohio. Mr. Willet removed to Champaign County, Ohio, about 1820. His mother and three brothers, Isaac, Abraham and Daniel Crislip, emigrated from England prior to the war of the Revolution, and purchased large lands on Brushy Fork, Harrison County, W.Va. Mr. Willet, the father of the subject of this sketch, was married in Champaign County to Elizaboth Rogers, whose parents had moved to Champaign County in 1805. Of a family of ten children, nine are living—Samuel L., John O., Mary J., wife of James W. Romine, Isaac, Catharine, wife of W. H. Lease, William H., Sarah E., wife of John Moore, Maria, wife of W. McArthur, and George W. Hopy A. is deceased. Isaac, the subject of this sketch, passed his early life on a farm, and was educated in the common schools of his native place. When a young man, he engaged in dealing in stock, and spent the years of 1857–58 in that business in Illinois. He then returned to Ohio, and in 1862 removed to the farm where he now resides. For the last twenty-six years he has bought and shipped stock, doing a successful business. Of late years he has made a leading pursuit in breeding and keeping thoroughbred Poland-China hogs. Since July, 1881, he has been interested in the live stock commission business at Union Stock Yards, Cincinnati. He is a member of the Agricultural Board of the "World's Fair," and a stockholder in the Bank of North Lewisburg; and also a member of the Ohio Farmers' and Horsemen's Mutual Protection Company. Mr. Willet is an active, enterprising citizen, and always manifests an interest in all public improvements. He was married January 22, 1862, to Lucy J. Spain, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth A. Spain. Mrs. W., a native of Champaign County, was born September 12, 1845. This union was blessed with six children; of these, five are living, viz.: Emma B., Josephine, Lizzie, Marcie and Anderson L. Thomas S. is deceased.

ADAM WOLFORD, Justice of the Peace, P. O. Pottersburg, was born in Knox County, Ohio, November 13, 1824. His parents, Andrew and Charlotte (Ream) Wolford, were natives of Bedford County, Penn. They were married in Bedford County, and removed to Knox County, Ohio, prior to the war of 1812. Mr. W. died in April, 1825, leaving eight children. Adam was reared on the homestead till he was thirteen years of age when he started out for himself, working as a farm hand by the month till he was seventeen, when he took up the carpenter trade in Marysville, where his mother had moved in 1828. She died in Henry County, Iowa, in September, 1874. In 1844, our subject returned to Marysville, where he followed his trade till 1873. He aided in building Union Block, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, besides other buildings. In 1873, he removed to his farm, and the same year was elected Justice of the Peace, which office he has since filled. December 9, 1860, he was married to Miss Nancy J. Jordan, daughter of Henry and Nancy Jordan. Mr. and Mrs. W. are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM C. WOOD, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, was born in Union Township December 3, 1825. His parents, Luther and Rosanna (Cochran) Wood, were natives of Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Mr. Wood was born March 31, 1799, and Mrs. Wood April 23, 1802. Nathan and Lucinda Wood, parents of Luther, resided in New York State and died at Chautauqua. In 1821, Mr. Wood came to Union County and settled near Milford Center; in 1831, he removed to Allen Township, where he resided till the early part of 1872, when he moved to Piqua, Miami County, where he died the following August. Mrs. Wood, the widow, lives mostly with William C. Mr. Wood was a man of some prominence, having filled the office of Township Clerk ten years, and as Justice of the Peace the same length of time. He was a Republican, formerly a Whig. William C., the subject of this biography, was the second child of a family of three sons and three daughters. His early life was passed on his father's farm, and he has made that avocation his life-work. January 22, 1846, he was married to Maria McWilliams, a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Nixon) McWilliams. Mrs. Wood, a native of Belmont County, Ohio, was born March 19, 1824. This union was blessed with five children; four of them are living, viz.: Alice J., wife of Stanton Marsh, James D., Luther A., and Anna, wife of Delmer Coe. An infant daughter is deceased. Mr. Wood started in life with a capital not exceeding $100 but by his indomitable energy, so characteristic of the pioneer, combined with good business management, he acquired for himself a handsome competence. He located at his present residence in 1864. His farm at one time contained 500 acres of well-improved land, but a division with his children leaves him now with 256 acres. Mr. Wood's occupation consisted in farming and rearing and dealing in fine stock, in which pursuits he made a success. He and family are members of the Milford Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically, he is Republican.

JAMES D. WOOD, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, eldest son of William C. and Maria Wood, was born on the old homestead in Allen Township January 5, 1849. He remained at home till of age. January 6, 1870, he was married to Miss Addie Wilber, a daughter of James and Sarah Wilber, of this county. Mrs. Wood was born in Allen Township November 8, 1846. They have two children—Ida, born March 14, 1871, and Lillie, born May 13, 1873. An infant daughter, now deceased, was born May 13, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically, he inherits the views of his father. He owns 135 acres of land.

LUTHER A. WOOD, farmer, P. O. Milford Center, son of William C. Wood, whose portrait appears in this work, was born on the home farm in Allen Township December 19, 1851. He was brought up to farming and has always followed its pursuits. April 12, 1877, he was married to Miss Emma P. Irwin, daughter of Lackey and Nancy (Maxwell) Irwin. Mrs. Wood was born in Allen Township June 26, 1856. By this union one child was born, who died in infancy. Mr. Wood owns forty-eight and one-half acres of land and follows farming and stock-raising and, during the fall seasons, operates a steam thresher. He and wife are associated with the Methodist Church. Politically, he adheres to the Republican principles of his father.

CHAPTER X.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

THIS township occupies the northeastern corner of Union County. Marion County bounds it on the north and east, Claibourne Township on the south and Washington on the west. Rush Creek is the only stream of any importance. It enters from Washington on the west, flows southeastwardly till it reaches the interior portion of the township, then bends sharply toward the north and crosses into Marion County. It is said that the stream received its name from the abundant growth of rush along its banks in early times. The soil is generally of a clayey composition. In the first bottom along the stream it is a black loam, and on the ridge above, or second bottom, is found considerable limestone and gravel. The surface may be described as slightly rolling. Back from the streams existed a number of ponds in pioneer days, but these have mostly been drained and converted into productive fields. One of the largest was known as Beaver Pond, in the northwestern part of the township. It embraced about forty acres, but scarcely a vestige of it now remains. Walnut, hickory, white ash, sugar, burr oak, red oak, elm and beech were the most plenteous varieties of timber. Few springs exist and a good limestone water is found in wells at a depth of from twenty to forty feet. In the bottom lands, corn, wheat and grass are the principal crops. Back from the creeks grass is chiefly grown.

A petition was presented to the Commissioners of Union County, March 3, 1829, by Ebenezer Cheney, praying or a new township, to be named Jackson, to be laid off the north side of Leesburg Township. The Commissioners granted the petition and defined the boundaries of the new township as follows:

"Beginning at the county line eight miles south of the northeast corner of Union County; thence running west parallel with the north line of the county of Union to the east line of Liberty Township; thence with the Liberty Township line north to the northern boundary of the county of Union; thence east to the northeast corner of said county of Union; thence south eight miles to the place of beginning."

At the same session, the Board of Commissioners ordered that it be surveyed by Levi Phelps.

June 3, 1829, the following entry is found on the records: "The Commissioners of Union County reconsidered the order for the running of the township of Jackson, and ordered that said township shall be laid off, beginning two miles and one-half north of the first mile tree north of Bokes Creek on the eastern boundary of the county of Union; thence west parallel with the southern boundary of said county of Union to the boundary line between Liberty and Leesburg—all north to be considered as the township of Jackson."

The same day an election of township officers was ordered, to be held June 16, 1829.

As thus constituted, the township embraced the greater portion of what is now Claibourne Township, and also the Miller settlement in York Township.

At the election held for State and county officers, October 12, 1829, twenty-one voters were present, viz.: George Clark, Joseph Wilson, Nathaniel Wilson, John Smith, James Clark, Eleazur Rose, Jacob Reed, Henry Swartz, Henry Clark, John Clark, David S. Allen, Benjamin Carter, Hugh M. Stevens, Jonathan Miller, Charles Miller, Joseph Miller, Harvey Moore, Ira Bennett, Adam Imbody, Ebenezer Cheney and James Cameron. Of these, only six resided in what is now Jackson Township, viz.: Benjamin Carter, Jacob Reed, David S. Allen, Harvey Moore, Ebenezer Cheney and James Cameron. Henry Swartz, George Clark, and Jacob Reed were the Judges of the election, and Eleazur Rose and James Clark, Clerks.

The township was reduced to its present limits by the erection of Claibourne, in 1834.

Where the first election was held is not known; it was probably somewhere in what is now Claibourne. In 1832, the place of election was changed to the house of David Carr, and in 1838 it was ordered that the Township Trustees that elections be held at Michael Blue's house. In 1843, the schoolhouse at Essex became the voting place, and the elections have ever since been held at Essex.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Until 1834 some of the Justices resided in what is now Claibourne Township. Among them were Henry Swartz, whose commission expired January 19, 1833, and Philip Plummer, whose commission was dated August 15, 1833.

As complete a list as can be obtained of those belonging to Jackson proper is as follows: Thomas Cheney, 1832, resigned June, 1833; John Scott, 1833; James P. Scott, 1836; John Scott, 1836; Dennis Welch, 1839; John Cheney, 1839; Dennis Welch, 1842; John Cheney, 1843; Tabor Randall, 1845; Francis Baldwin, 1846; Tabor Randall, 1848; Francis Baldwin, 1849; Tabor Randall, 1851; Francis Baldwin, 1852; Tabor Randall, 1854; John Cheney, 1854; Harvey Mather, 1855; John Cheney, 1857; Harvey Mather, 1858; Simpson Price, 1860; Harvey Mather, 1861; Francis Baldwin, 1863; Harvey Mather, 1864; J. L. Axtens, 1866; John M. Blue, 1867; J. L. Axtens, 1869; William Miller, 1870; John M. Blue, 1872; L. P. Axtens, 1872; Harvey Mather, 1875; C. W. Burgoon, 1875; H. M. Hall, 1878; C. W. Burgoon, 1878; H. M. Hall, 1881; C. W. Burgoon, 1881.

VOTE FOR GOVERNOR.

The full vote of Jackson at each gubernatorial election since the organization of the township is herewith presented:

1830—Robert Lucas, 14; Duncan McArthur, 7; total, 21.
1832—Robert Lucas, 26; Darius Lyman, 3; total, 29.
1834—Robert Lucas, 1; James Finley, 16; total, 17.
1836—Joseph Vance, 31; Eli Baldwin, 1; total, 32.
1838—Joseph Vance , 14; Wilson Shannon, 16; total, 30.
1840—Thomas Corwin, 25; Wilson Shannon, 24; total, 49.
1842—Thomas Corwin, 21; Wilson Shannon, 34; total 55.
1844—Mordecai Bartley, 23; David Tod, 33; total, 56.
1846—William Bebb, 18; David Tod, 35; total, 53.
1848—Seabury Ford, 20; John B. Weller, 38; total, 58.

1850—William Johnson, 24; Reuben Wood, 45; total, 69.

1851—Samuel F. Vinton, 24; Reuben Wood, 53; total, 77.

1853—Nelson Barrere, 25; William Medill, 47; Samuel Lewis, 19; total, 91.

1855—Salmon P. Chase, 52; William Medill, 39; total, 91.

1857—Salmon P. Chase, 44; Henry B. Payne, 59; total, 103.

1859—William Dennison, 58; Rufus P. Ranney, 55; total, 113.

1861—David Tod, 68; H. J. Jewett, 67; total, 135.

1863—John Brough, 80; C. L. Vallandigham, 66; total, 146.

1865—J. D. Cox, 79; George W. Morgan, 74; total, 153.

1867—R. B. Hayes, 80; Allen G. Thurman, 93; total, 173.

1869—R. B. Hayes, 74; George H. Pendleton, 92; total, 166.

1871—E. F. Noyes, 98; George W. McCook, 89; total, 187.

1873—E. F. Noyes, 93; William Allen, 92; I. C. Collins, 2; Gideon Stewart, 3; total, 190.

1875—William Allen, 112; R. B. Hayes, 103; Jay Odell, 8; total, 223.

1877—William H. West, 126; R. M. Bishop, 122; total, 248.

1879—Charles Foster, 138; Thomas Ewing, 150; G. T. Stewart, 11; total, 299.

1881—Charles Foster, 130; John W. Bookwalter, 137; A. R. Ludlow, 17; total, 284.

SURVEYS.

The original surveys of land in the township and the original proprietors are as follows: John Williams, No. 3,473, 400 acres, surveyed August 15, 1831, by Cadwallader Wallace: Maria Bell and William Bernard Scott, No. 4,569, 500 acres, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur, April 14, 1822; John Woodsides, No. 7,863, 100 acres, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur, May 3, 1824; William Conner, No. 7,863, 100 acres, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur, May 3, 1824; Ann Gholson, No. 9,898, 800 acres, surveyed January 8, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; John Swan, No. 9,898, 200 acres, surveyed January 8, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; Peyton Mason, No. 9,899, 833⅓ acres, surveyed January 9, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; John Swan, No. 9,899, 166⅔ acres, surveyed January 9, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; James Neilson, assignee, No. 9,900, 1,000 acres (partly in Marion County), surveyed November 18, 1821, by Thomas J. McArthur; Edward Stubblefield, assignee, Nos. 9,901 and 10,780, 1,299½ acres, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur, September 3, 1821; Thomas Miller, assignee, No. 9,909, 1,000 acres, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur, May 8, 1822; John Swan, No. 9,920, 1,000 acres, surveyed by Samuel Forrer, January 5, 1820; Nathaniel Triplett, No. 9,921, 400 acres, surveyed by Samuel Forrer, January 15, 1820; George Weedon, No. 9,921, 600 acres, surveyed by Samuel Forrer, January 15, 1820; John Blackwell, Jr., James Taylor and Alexander Breckenridge, No. 9,922, 1,000 acres, surveyed by Samuel Forrer, January 17, 1820; Edward Smith, No. 9,940, 400 acres, surveyed October 16, 1830, by E. P. Kendrick; Francis Muir, No. 9,941, 533⅓ acres, (partly in Marion County) surveyed January 22, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; John Swan, No. 9,941, 266⅔ acres (partly in Marion County), surveyed January 22, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; Phineas Sanburn, No. 9,941, 200 acres (partly in Marion County), surveyed January 22, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; Mayo Carrington, No. 9,942, 277½ acres, surveyed January 23, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; Abraham Buford, No. 9,942, 194 acres, surveyed January 23, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; James Taylor, David Stephenson and Anthony Singleton, No. 9,943, 888 acres (partly in Marion County), surveyed January 24, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; representatives of Charles Potterfield, No. 9,944, 1,000 acres (partly in Marion County), surveyed January 24, 1820, by Samuel

Forrer; Alexander Drummond, No. 10,193, 200 acres, surveyed by D. Thomas J. McArthur, April 22, 1822; John Welch, No. 10,194, 200 acres, surveyed December 14, 1830, by E. P. Kendrick; Sawney Whistler, No. 10,195, 200 acres, surveyed December 14, 1830, by F. P. Kendrick; Lewis Fox, No. 10,196, 100 acres, surveyed December 14, 1830, by E. P. Kendrick: William Hook, No. 10,197, 100 acres, surveyed December 14, 1830; Cadwallader Wallace, John Watts, Clough Shelton, No. 10,240, 3,565 acres (mostly in Marion County), surveyed November 15, 1821, by Thomas J. McArthur; Nathaniel Sawyer, No. 10,408, 1,000 acres (partly in Marion County), surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur, November 17, 1821; Joshua Grist, Nos. 10,704 and 10,705, 2,000 acres, surveyed November 19, 1821, by Thomas J. McArthur; Robert C. Bruce, No. 11,043, 200 acres, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur, May 5, 1824; Allen Latham, Nos. 11,099 and 13,766, 233⅓ acres, surveyed by E. P. Kendrick, May 14, 1836; Charles Harrison, No. 12,188, 509 acres, surveyed January 25, 1824, by Thomas J. McArthur; H. Bowman, No. 10,031, 1,000 acres (mostly in Marion County); H. Pottins, No. 10,952, 50 acres; Joseph S. Watkins, No. 14,294, 75 acres, surveyed by E. P. Kendrick, April 30, 1839; James Taylor, No. 14,559, 45 acres, surveyed July 18, 1840, by James Taylor.

EARLY SETTLEMENT.

The first settler in the territory now comprised within Jackson Township was Benjamin Carter. He was born in Tennessee February 25, 1787; emigrated to Ohio in 1805, and settled in Champaign County; he there married Mary Owen, January 24, 1812, and served a short time in the war that shortly ensued. He came with his family to Jackson Township, December 25, 1826, and purchased 160 acres in Survey No. 9,899, southwest from Essex, the place now owned by W. G. Cowgill. Mr. Carter was an industrious farmer, and spent the remainder of his life in clearing and cultivating his farm. He remained a life-long citizen of Jackson Township and died March 5, 1866; his wife, who was born in 1796, died in 1871. Their children are Worret O., a farmer, who married Polly Chapman in this township, removed to Lima, Ohio, and there died; Cyrus, a Methodist Protestant minister, married Elizabeth Chapman, and is now preaching in the West; Ebenezer O., who married Nancy Dysert, and was afterward accidentally drowned at Columbus; Levi, a farmer, who married Jane Jones, of this township, and died in the army; James a physician, married to Anice Pooler, of Broadway, now practicing at Lincoln, Neb.; Sarah J., married to Hamilton Bigley, a Methodist Episcopal minister; and John P., who married Rosa Roberts.

Harvey Moore, a young unmarried man, accompanied Benjamin Carter to the township. He was born in this State in 1805; married Magdalena Ivans in 1833 and settled down to the occupation of a farmer. His wife was born in Wales in the year 1809 and died in 1878. Mr. Moore died in 1867. His children were Elizabeth, Margaret (Grant), Thomas, deceased, John, Magdalena, Nancy (Aikens), Cyrus and Martha Ellen (Taylor).

Ebenezer Cheney made the next settlement in this township. He was born in Harrison County, Va., January 15, 1777, and married Elizabeth Owen, who was also a native of Virginia. He emigrated to Champaign County, Ohio, in 1807, and in 1827 settled in Jackson Township just south of Essex, now the W. Harriman place. Mr. Cheney was attracted to Jackson Township by the game that abounded in the wilderness. He was passionately fond of hunting, and when not engaged with his farm duties was always traversing the forests, gun in hand. The route by which he, and Mr. Carter before him, reached their future homes, was by an Indian trail from Fulton Creek north to Rush Creek, which almost followed the line of the present pike. They came by ox team and often were obliged to stop and cut logs away in order that their team might pass. The cabins were raised by assistance obtained from far and near. The cabin of Ebenezer Cheney was built mostly by men from the Scioto River. The day was fixed for the raising, and as the distance was considerable, the men threaded their way through the woods the evening before, in order to be on hand early in the morning. They built a large fire and camped on the spot, resting as best they could on heaps of brush. It was a jolly crowd of men which wooed sleep in vain, and at last abandoning all hope of slumber, the men rose and went to work by the fitful gleam of camp fire, and by daylight had the cabin erected as high as they could reach with uplifted hands. Mr. Cheney killed many deer and was also a noted bee-hunter. While engaged in his favorite pastime, he met with the misfortune of losing an eye by the brushing of a tree branch against his face. He died July 15, 1833. His wife preceded him to the grave five years. Their children were Keturah, who married David S. Allen, in Champaign County; Thomas; Mary, who married David Carr; Elizabeth, who was the wife of Tabor Randall; John, a farmer, who died in this township; Francis, who died in Marion County; William, now living near Lima, Allen County; and Jane, who died in this township.

Thomas Cheney was born in Harrison County, Va., in 1804. He came with his father to this township in 1827, but soon after returned to Champaign County, where, in 1829, he married Martha Carr, who was born in Pennsylvania, in 1813. In 1829, they settled in Jackson Township, and Mr. Cheney became one of its prominent and respected citizens. He died March1 9, 1865; his widow survives and is living at the residence of her son, Lorenzo Cheney, in this township.

David S. Allen came with the Cheneys in 1827, and settled just west of Essex. He was born in Luzerne County, Penn., November 23, 1799, and married Keturah Cheney, in Champaign County, Ohio, March 22, 1821. Mrs. Allen died here December 19, 1834. Their children were, Daniel, Elizabeth, Anna, Thomas, Matilda and Amy. Mr. Allen subsequently married Elizabeth Love, and in 1844 removed to Illinois, where he died March 17, 1865.

Jacob Reed was born in Harrison County, Va., March 14, 1807. He came to Champaign County, Ohio, in 1825, and August 14, 1828, married Elizabeth Cameron, who was born in Pennsylvania in March, 1809. In the fall of 1829, he came to this township and built himself a cabin about one and a half miles south of Essex, on what is now known as the W. W. Smith place. While thus engaged, he voted at the first election held in Jackson Township. Returning to Champaign County, he moved his family in the spring of 1830 to his new home, and there engaged in the arduous labors of a pioneer. His wife died in 1835. After following farming for a short time, Mr. Reed became a storekeeper at Essex. He sold out his store, and in 1851 emigrated to Mahaska County, Iowa, where he died in the spring of 1880.

The permanent arrival of Joseph Cameron in the township also was in the year 1830. He accompanied his brother-in-law, Jacob Reed, to the site he had selected for his forest home in the fall of 1829, and likewise built himself a cabin about three miles from Essex, and voted at the first election in Jackson Township. He was born in Philadelphia County, Penn., in 1807, and four years later emigrated with his father, John Cameron, to Champaign County, and was there reared to manhood. He was married to Sarah Reed, March 26, 1829; she was born in Harrison County, Va., in 1809. Mr. Cameron continued his residence in this township up to the date of his decease, which occurred in June, 1872.

James Herd

Samuel Sanders was born in Maryland in 1766. In 1785, he married Nancy Reed, who was born 1767. In 1830, they settled in Jackson Township about a mile north of Essex, where he died in 1846. His wife survived him five years.

John Price settled about a mile north of Essex in 1830. He was born in Pennsylvania June 7, 1797, and April 20, 1824, married Phœbe Sanders, who was born November 15, 1802. Mr. Price died September 19, 1848; his wife August 25, 1854.

Jacob Collins, in 1829 or 1830, built himself a cabin and cleared a little place about two and one-half miles west of Essex, on the farm since owned by A. R. White. He was not the owner of the land, only a squatter. He also built a little blacksmith shop here and became the first blacksmith. When not engaged at the forge or anvil, he was generally hunting game, at which he was very successful. He finally sold his squatter's claim to Ebenezer Davis, who afterward removed to Washington Township and left for parts unknown.

David Carr was born in Bradford County, Penn., in 1802, and emigrated to Champaign County, Ohio, with his father, Absalom Carr, in 1817. He married Mary Cheney February 22, 1826, and in 1831 came to this township and settled southeast of Essex, where he died May 1, 1874.

Tabor Randall was born in Windsor County, Vt., November 5, 1806, the son of Joshua and Keziah (Hawley) Randall. They removed to Essex County, N. Y., and thence Tabor emigrated with his father in 1818 to Franklin County, Ohio, coming by team, the only way then practicable. In his youth he became a school teacher. He taught a term in Mill Creek Township in 1825, and also taught in Jerome Township and in Morrow County. In August, 1831, Mr. Randall came to Jackson Township for the purpose of teaching a school. He married Elizabeth Cheney January 1, 1832, and settled on a little place west of Essex, lately owned by Harvey Moore. He remained here four years, farming in summer and teaching in winter. He then removed to the village of Essex and tended store for Jacob Reed about a year; and for William Wurl about the same length of time. He also taught school and farmed to some extent until 1854, when he was elected Clerk of the Court for Union County. He removed to Marysville and retained the office fifteen years. He has since served in different capacities at the Marysville court house and is to-day a valuable and efficient official, though he has years ago passed his allotted three-score years and ten.

Jesse Bell was born in Pennsylvania August 15, 1801, and in 1822 married Margaret Sanders, who was born in 1804. In 1832, they settled in Jackson Township and here Mr. Bell, besides farming, followed blacksmithing. In 1855, he removed with his family to Marion County, where he died in 1872.

John Scott, who was originally from Pennsylvania, moved about 1830 to the place in the southern part of Jackson Township, now owned by Lorenzo Cheney. He was a zealous hunter and subsequently removed with his family to Van Wert County.

Ira Bennett, about 1830, came from Franklin County and settled about two miles south of Essex. He remained only a few years and then moved West.

Albert R. White was born in Bradford County, Penn., August 12, 1801. He came with his parents to near Mill Grove, Warren Co., Ohio, in 1819, and the following year they moved to Brookville Township, Franklin Co., Ind. In a short time, Albert, in company with another young man, made a trip afoot to Pennsylvania. There, in Bradford County, in 1823, he married

Anna Allen. They settled in Indiana, and in 1831 moved to Champaign County, Ohio, near Mechanicsburg. Two years later, they became residents of Jackson Township. Their children are Jesse A., Daniel A., David R., Anna (Cheney), Olive, who married Charles Copeland, and Delilah, wife of Jonathan Williams. Mrs. White died in July, 1853; Mr. White is still living in the eighty-second year of his age.

Jason Chapman was born in Frederick County, Va., April 13, 1793. He was married December 13, 1813, to Miss Sarah Nutter, who was born in 1797. In March, 1825, Mr. Chapman came to Ohio, and after spending two years in Jackson County removed to Champaign County, and there remained until 1833. In that year he made a journey to Jackson Township and built a cabin, and early in the following year moved into it with his family. His farm was located about a mile west of Essex, where his son Jason now resides. There was no clearing on the place when he came. He continued to live on this farm until his death, which occurred November 18, 1880. He was a stanch Whig and a leading member of the Methodist Protestant Church. During the war of 1812, he served eight months in the Northwest army under Gen. Harrison. He was present at the building of Ft. Meigs, and his only active service was in skirmishes with the Indians. Mrs. Chapman died in August, 1855. Of their eleven children, six died in infancy or youth; Joseph was killed in battle at Missionary Ridge, November 25, 1863; John, Jason N. and Julia A. (Benedict) reside in Jackson; Mary, wife of Lincoln Davis, resides at Lima, Allen Co., Ohio.

Michael Blue was born in Virginia in 1801. He was married November 20, 1820, to Eleanor Arahood, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1802. They came with their families to Jackson Township in September, 1833, and settled a short distance northwest from Essex, on a farm of 150 acres, which Mr. Blue had purchased previous to his arrival, from Samuel R. Sanders. A slight improvement had been made on the place. He afterward increased the farm to 352 acres. Mr. Blue died in 1857; his wife survived until 1876.

Southworth Mather was born in New Jersey, and when young moved with his father, Daniel Mather, to Virginia. Thence they came to Ohio. Southworth was married in Union Township, this county, to Philena Rice. About 1831, he removed with his wife and two children to Jackson Township, squatting on a piece of land about a mile west of Essex. He afterward purchased land in Washington Township and lived there for a time. He then removed with his family to Logan County and ultimately to Allamakee, Iowa, where he died. Mr. Mather was one of those restless border spirits, fond of hunting, and only content when dwelling on the extreme frontier.

Increase Mather, his wife Anna (Conine), and children, came to Jackson from Allen Center in 1831. He was a brother to Southworth Mather, and resided in this township until his death in the winter of 1838. Mrs. Anna Mather died in March, 1832, and Increase took for a second wife Sarah Dilsaver. By the first marriage there were five children, of whom Harvey, of Jackson, is the only survivor; by the second marriage there were three, two of whom are yet living.

The foregoing names are believed to include all who were among the earliest settlers, up to about 1834–35. The following were residents of the township in 1840, and probably all of them came some time between the years 1835 and 1840; Henry Bennett, Francis Baldwin, Ira Bennett, Jesse Bowen, John and Henry Baldwin, Benjamin Bradshaw, Daniel Bell, Michael Deck, John Dixon, Absalom Forbes, Samuel Grant, Jacob Honaker, Peter Hinkle, David Jones, William Lockhart, Hiram Keeler, George Kightlinger, Samuel Merrit, Reuben Redding, Thomas Temple, Nicholas Van Buskirk, David Washburn, David, Dennis and Benjamin Welch.

Only a brief mention is possible of these pioneers. The Temples and Merrits made the first permanent improvements in the western part of the township. Thomas Temple came about 1834–35 and settled in the wilderness where Joseph Temple now lives. His son, Joseph, soon after followed him and located on an adjoining place. Samuel Merrit came from the vicinity of Mechanicsburg. He always lived upon the farm he located, and died and was buried there. Michael Van Buskirk, in 1836–37, leased land from Mr. Merrit and occupied a cabin which stood near the site of the Disciple Church. He acquired no land here and changed his place of abode frequently. He died at Marion several years ago. Reuben Redding settled in the woods in the western part of the township. He afterward removed to Marion County and there died. John Dixon, a Virginian, on his first arrival took a lease in the western part of the township. He and his son John then purchased a little property, and there he passed the remainder of his life. David Jones settled about a mile west of Essex. He died in the township. David Washburn occupied a place for awhile in the same vicinity, then removed to another county.

Jesse Bowen was born in Virginia, six miles from Harper's Ferry, December 18, 1805. When eight years old, he came with his father, Jonathan Bowen, to Ross County, Ohio. They had scarcely arrived when his father's team was impressed by the military to haul corn to Franklinton, Franklin County. About 1822, they came to Union County and settled on Mill Creek about three miles below Marysville. Jesse there married Susanna Spurgeon and in April, 1835, he removed to a farm of 150 acres, one and a half miles northeast of Essex, which he had purchased at Chillicothe from Allen G. Latham. At this time the eastern portion of Jackson Township was devoid of any settlements. Mr. Bowen is still a resident of the locality he first occupied forty-seven years ago.

Also in April, 1835, Francis Baldwin came from Madison County and established himself in a wilderness home about one mile northeast from Essex. He spent the rest of his life here. John Baldwin and his son Henry settled in the north part of the township. Daniel Bell settled about a mile north of Essex on the Larne pike.

In the northeast part of the township Samuel Grant was one of the earliest settlers. He came from Big Darby Creek and died here, within a few years of his arrival, of "milk sickness." This part of the township was very wet and marshy at first, and much sickness prevailed. Jacob Honaker settled in the same vicinity, first in Marion County and then in this township. He was from Virginia, and besides farming he followed gun-smithing, his trade. He died on his farm. Benjamin Bradshaw, also a Virginian, settled on the Grant farm and married Mrs. Ann E. Grant, the widow of Samuel Grant. Michael Deck, from the State of Virginia, came with Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Honaker, and built his log cabin on a fifty-acre farm northeast from Essex. William Lockhart, from Greene County, settled on a farm soon after 1835, about two miles northeast of Essex. He died on the same place many years later.

Dennis Welch, about 1835–36, settled on the site of Essex. He afterward removed to Van Wert County and died there. His brothers, David and Benjamin, were also early settlers of Jackson. Hiram Keeler, a Vermonter, settled just east of Essex. He lost his property by some means, and afterward purchased another home deeper in the wilderness. He is remembered as a very eccentric character. George Kightlinger and his brother Abraham in 1840, or shortly before, removed from Morrow County and settled near Essex. Afterward they went to Marion County. Peter Hinkle made the first improvement in the southeast part of the township on the road leading east from the Richwood pike. He afterward removed to Mahaska County, Iowa. Absalom Forbes came an unmarried man from Marion County; here married Sarah Blue, settled in the southern part of the township and a few years later emigrated to Logan County, Ill. Henry and Ira Bennett, from Licking County, settled in the southern part of the township. Henry died here and Ira removed to Paulding County.

INDIANS.

The Indians lingered among their hunting grounds in this vicinity until 1833. Traces of their former occupancy have been revealed in several burial grounds. On the farm of Jason Chapman, in a gravel bed situated between the road and the creek, six skeletons were dug up in 1834, and other evidences were discovered of an Indian camping place. On the farm settled by Joseph Cameron, now owned by W. F. Cheney, was a large mound which had served as an Indian graveyard. The mound or knoll was composed of sand and gravel, and on the north, east and south rose rather abruptly, while on the west it sloped gradually to the loamy soil below. It covered perhaps two acres. When the gravel and sand was removed for roads and building purposes, a number of skeletons were exhumed. Arrows, beads and other trinkets were also discovered.

The Indians who inhabited this region were the Wyandots. They were expert bee-hunters. Ebenezer Cheney, while on a bee-hunting expedition, once found a large bee tree. The hive, however, was in an upper limb and inaccessible to him without chopping down the tree, which was the usual course adopted by white hunters. While debating in mind whether it would pay to fell the mammoth oak, an Indian hunter approached and obligingly offered to procure the honey for him. The offer was gladly accepted. The brave drew his tomahawk and felled a small sapling, so that its top fell against the lower branches of the bee tree. He ascended on this to the lower branch of the oak and then proceeded to cut and trim a limb with a hook at one end. He caught the hook in a limb overhead and climbed up to it hand over hand. Throwing away the hooked limb he cut off the branch containing the honey. Then balancing himself, he leaped down to the lower limb and descended to the ground by the same means he had employed in ascending.

On another occasion an Indian appeared at the cabin of Ebenezer Cheney and desired to obtain a gun lock, to replace his own which was lost. He exchanged a cotton shawl for one, and when he had finished hunting, returned to the cabin and wanted to "trade back." Only a daughter of Mr. Cheney was then present, and to the demand of the red man she exclaimed "no swap." "Swap any how," said the hunter, and taking the shawl from the wall he drew down the gun-lock and strode out of the door. Miss Cheney, displeased with this procedure, set the dogs at the retreating Indian, but the boys working in the field and not knowing the cause of the disturbance, called them off.

Many of the Indians became Christianized. After the race had about disappeared from the township, an Indian minister, named Manonku, camped out in the woods, and while here attended a Methodist meeting, then in progress, and at his own invitation participated in the religious exercises.

When grain was first produced here, the only market for it was at Lake Erie. The only highways were mud roads. Wheat ranged in value from perhaps 60 to 75 cents per bushel, and the farmers usually teamed it to Portland, taking from thirty to forty bushels at a load, and consuming an entire week in making the trip.

David Price was the first shoe-maker in the township; Albert R. White the second. The first blacksmith was Jesse Bell. The first marriage was that of Tabor Randall to Elizabeth Cheney, January 1, 1832. The first child born in the township is said to have been Harvey Cameron, March 8, 1830. The first ground prepared for seed was dug by John Cheney with a mattock and sown in beets. Daniel A White brought the first tile into the township.

MILLS.

Though Jackson was one of the last townships to be settled, milling facilities were no better for its pioneers when they came than they had been in earlier settled districts. It was not unusual for the first few families to unite and send a four-horse wagon filled with grain to mill near Mechanicsburg, thirty miles distant. After a few years, however, mills were built nearer home, and for awhile a mill on the Scioto at Millville, sixteen miles away, was patronized by this community.

Within the limits of Jackson there have been no mills of note. It has, however, had several "corn-crackers" that were employed only in preparing coarse meal, and only then when the streams ran high. William Britt, about 1840, built a small grist and saw mill on Rush Creek, about a mile below Essex, and operated it for a few years. Several years later, Warner Bridge constructed a saw mill about two miles west of Essex, and soon after attached a small pair of buhrs, which, during high waters, were able to reduce grain to a coarse meal.

A stationary steam saw mill was built at Essex by John B. Stout. Sprague & Hayes purchased it and added a grist mill. It is still in operation. For a short time, a distillery was operated in connection with it.

Jacob Collins, about 1838, operated a small horse mill about three miles west of Essex. It ground only corn.

William Callahan, in Essex, owned and operated a saw and grist mill for some time, probably twelve years ago.

EDUCATIONAL.

Elizabeth Cheney taught the first school, in 1830 or 1831. It was a summer school of three months' duration, and contained twelve or fifteen pupils. It was held in a log cabin, which stood on David Allen's farm. Tabor taught the next school, in the same house. He began the term in August, 1831. The pupils were David and Elizabeth Allen, Worret, Joseph and Ebenezer Carter, Frank and William Cheney, Simpson, Levina and Levi Price and a few others. At that time schools were not held in every settlement, and the pioneers sometimes sent their children to schools five or six miles distant. This schoolhouse was about fifteen by eighteen feet in size, built of logs, with clapboard roof, and the customary paper windows. Reading, writing and arithmetic were the branches taught; the text-books were Webster's Elementary Spelling Book and Pike's and Smiley's Arithmetics. Mr. Randal next taught on the Francis Baldwin place, and elsewhere a little later. Thomas Cheney was the next teacher. His school was held in a new school building, somewhat larger than the old, and provided with better accommodations. In the old log schoolhouse, just north of Essex, Keziah Jane Randal and Caleb Roberts were early teachers. There are now ten school districts in the township.

CHURCHES.

The pioneer religious society within the bounds of Jackson was a small Methodist Episcopal class, organized about 1830 at the cabin of Ebenezer Cheney. Prior to this date, two exhorters, Mr. McCorkle, an Irishman, and John Millise, a German, from near Mechanicsburg, held meetings here, which, though unattended by any conversions, left a good impression in the community. The class organized with Thomas Cheney as leader. It included the names of Ebenezer Cheney, Thomas Cheney and wife, Benjamin Carter and wife, Mary and David Carr, Jacob Reed and Joseph Cameron and wife. Some of these had been members of other Methodist congregations before their emigration to Jackson. Others joined it, without any religious experience, from a desire to see the community, which they were forming, a Christian one. Within a short time after the organization, regular services were held, once in two weeks, at Ebenezer Cheney's house, and afterward at the cabins of David Carr and others. Schoolhouses were then brought into requisition. The present church, situated on the Hamilton pike, about two miles southwest from Essex, is located on land donated to the church by Jonathan W. Hedges. It cost about $1,640. Lorenzo Cheney, John W. Hedges and Daniel Herron were the heaviest contributors to its erection. Rev. Andrew J. Frisbie was pastor in charge at the time. It was dedicated by Rev. Samuel Roberts, then of Lima, Ohio. Rev. John Graham is the present pastor. The membership exceeds one hundred. A Sunday school was held in the schoolhouse before the church was built, and has been regularly maintained during the summers ever since. It has a membership of about sixty.

The Essex Methodist Protestant Church was organized in 1840, by Rev. John Hunt, at the house of John Cheney. It started with only six members —John Cheney and Sarah, his wife, Thomas Chapman and Hannah, his wife and David S. Allen and his wife Elizabeth. Services were continued at the residence of Mr. Cheney for a few years, and were then transferred to the Essex Schoolhouse. A log meeting house was built in 1846, on a lot situated just east of the present Essex Schoolhouse. It was donated to the church by Thomas Chapman. The church here erected was a large hewed-log building, and the material was furnished, and the greater part of the labor performed, by the members. Thomas Chapman received, for finishing it, the sum of $60, which included the hardware bill. The congregation continued to worship in this church until 1869, when the present frame church was built. Its cost was about $1,400; the cost of the lot upon which it is erected, $100; and the cost of the bell, $125. It was dedicated in May, 1870, by Rev. J. H. Hamilton, of Tuscarawas County. The members who contributed most liberally to the new church were J. A. White, John Chapman, Rev. T. B. Cheney, D. A. White, D. R. White, Jason Chapman, George Temple, Jonathan Cheney, R. R. Randall and H. Roberts.

The following list of pastors in charge of this church was prepared by two of the old and leading members, and is, perhaps, as free from errors as any list that can now be obtained: John Hunt, 1840–41; J. I. Devore and John Inskeep, 1841–42; J. I. Devore and O. P. Stephens, 1842–43; Revs. Edwards and O. P. Stephens, 1843–44, James Webster, 1844–45; Isaac Ensminger, 1845–46; J. B. Peat, 1846–47; T. D. Howe, 1847–48; O. P. Stephens and J. M. Flood, 1848–49; J. M. Flood, 1849–51; O. P. Stephens, 1851–53; J. W. Giddings, 1853–54; W. B. Warrington, 1854–55; E. J. Winans and J. Kain, 1855–56; R. Hussey and T. T. Kendrick, 1856–58; O. P. Stephens and A. M. Ravenscraft, 1858–59; I. N. McVay and O. P. Stephens, 1859–61; W. B. Evans and George Brown, Jr., 1861–62; W. B. Evans, 1862–63; R. Hussey, 1863–64; Daniel Kinney, 1864–65; R. Hussey, 1865–66: Revs. McDonnell and Stephens, 1866–57; J. M. Adams, 1867–69; J. W. Case, 1869–70; J. W. Shultz, 1870–73; A. M. Hall, 1873–74; A. M. Ravenscraft, 1874–75; W. S. Sansom, 1875–76; T. H. Wilson, 1876–77; T. B. Graham, 1877–79; J. W. Spring, 1879–81; C. Cadwallader, 1881–82. William Hamilton, of

Claibourne Township, was a local preacher of considerable note in early times. The church belonged to the Richwood Circuit till 1870, when it and the Davis church were united and denominated Rush Creek Circuit. In 1877, Rev. I. N. McVay conducted a revival, under the influence of which more than one hundred accessions were made to the church. The present membership is about one hundred.

A Sunday school was organized about 1842, by John Cheney and Margaret Chapman, in the Essex Schoolhouse. It was the first Sunday school ever held in the village, and for many years was under the control of no one denomination, but was purely "union" in its character. It has been maintained every summer since. Mr. Cheney remained in charge till 1849, when M. M. Camp became Superintendent. Under his guidance, the school was very successful and prosperous. Within a few years it has been under the management of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Union Regular Baptist Church, located in the western part of Jackson Township, was organized a few years preceding the war of the rebellion, by Rev. Jacob Dye, with a membership of eleven. The earliest meetings were conducted in an old log schoolhouse, situated in Washington Township, for ten or twelve years, and then in the frame schoolhouse, which succeeded the log house, in the same district. About 1870, the church building now in use was erected on a lot donated to the society by Joseph Temple. The cost of the edifice was about $1,000. The congregation has flourished and maintained a large and active membership. A few years ago, a branch or arm was formed at Bell's Schoolhouse, north of Essex. A subscription paper was circulated, and a large fund secured for the erection of a house of worship in that vicinity, but there are no present prospects that this will be done soon, and it now seems probable that all the members of the branch will return to the parent church, as many of them have already done. Rev. David Thomas is the present pastor. A Sunday school is one of the leading features of Christian work in this society. It is held only during the summer.

The Rush Creek Christian, or Disciple, Church was organized June 18, 1865, by Rev. Michael Riddle. The first members were John Stanard, Joseph Cameron, Sarah Cameron, William Allen, William Sprague, W. D. Cameron, Ann G. Sprague, Mary Burnett, Temperance Osborne, Catharine Chambers, Jane Blue, Mary Bailey, Susan and George W. McLain, Shannon Bailey, Abraham McLain, James Stanard, John Bazard, Eliza and Elizabeth Price, Anthem Bailey, Benjamin Temple, Sarah Smith, Elenora L. Cheney, Sarah A. Allen, Lucretia Price, Jane Stanard, M. M. Stanard and Phœbe Merrit. John Stanard and William H. Allen were elected the first Elders; G. W. McLain first Deacon; and W. D. Cameron and Shannon Bailey, Assistant Deacons. Subsequent Elders have been William D. Cameron, G. W. Merrit, J. M. Blue, T. W. Bridge and Joseph Price; Deacons, Thomas L. Poulk, Emery P. Bridges, John M. Blue, John Moore and Frank Cameron. The meetings were held in a schoolhouse until 1875. A frame church was then erected. It is 38x45 in size, and cost about $2,200. It contains a gallery and a reception room, is surmounted by a belfry and bell, and is finely furnished. Taken all in all, it ranks among the finest country churches. The building was dedicated by Rev. William Dowling, then of Kenton, Ohio. Rev. Dana Call was the pastor in charge during its erection. Other recent ministers are Revs. John Stanard, G. W. Kline and R. T. Davies. At present the society has no regular minister. The membership includes 108 souls. A Sunday school is in operation during pleasant weather.

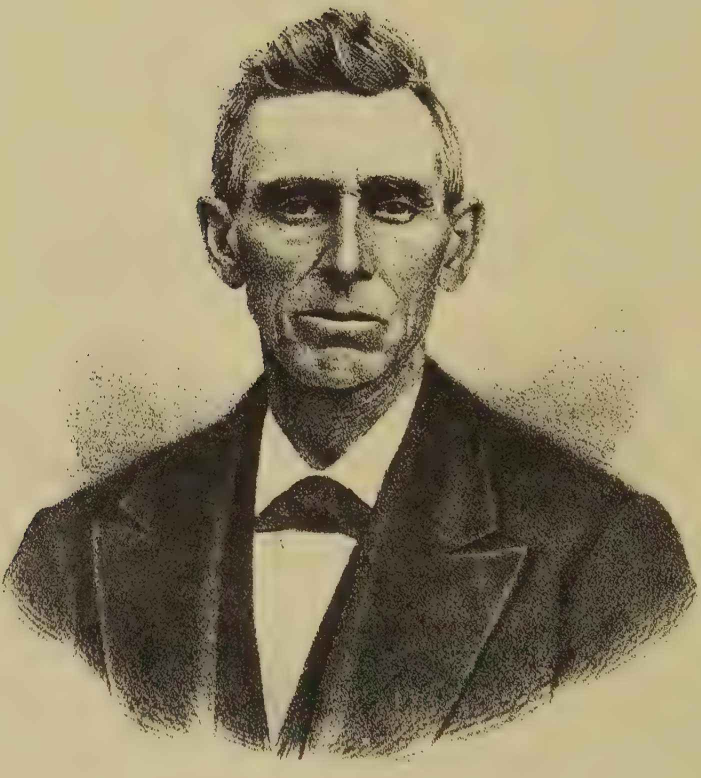
A noted revival occurred in 1856, which is usually referred to as the "Wiley Schoolhouse Meeting." It began with a little Methodist prayer meeting, conducted in Wiley's Schoolhouse, Claibourne Township. The meetings increased in interest, under the preaching of Rev. William Boggs, and were transferred to the Swartz Schoolhouse, in this township, where the Methodist Episcopal society then held services. Again the place of meeting was changed; this time to Essex, where, night after night, for weeks, the meeting house was filled to overflowing, and between one and two hundred conversions professed. Among the number were five young men, who afterward became ministers of the Gospel, viz., Hamilton J. Bigley, Ebenezer Cheney, Thomas B. Cheney, Thomas J. Mather and David Wynegar, the latter of Claibourne Township. At Essex, the meetings were conducted jointly by the Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Protestant societies, and large accessions were made to both churches.

The first burial-place was on the farm of Ebenezer Cheney. In 1828, only three families resided in the township, and that year each family lost a member. The first death was that of little Johnnie Carter, the son of Benjamin Carter. Mary Allen and Elizabeth Cheney were the other two victims of the fell destroyer. All three were buried on the farm of Ebenezer Cheney. This graveyard is still small, but has been used, to some extent, ever since it was first dedicated to this sacred purpose. Price's Cemetery, about a mile north of Essex, is the largest, and the one most generally used. It is finely located on rolling ground. There are, besides these, several private burying-grounds within the limits of the township.

ESSEX.

The village of Essex was surveyed September 2, 1836, by William C. Lawrence, Deputy Surveyor, for John Cheney, the proprietor. The lots were forty in number. The streets running east and west were named Water and Essex; those running north and south, Mulberry and Marion. At the time the village was platted, it was hoped by those interested in its welfare that a new county would be formed, and Essex made the seat of justice. Some efforts were put forth for the accomplishment of this enterprise, and the expectation of success was given circulation, but had little effect in building up the village. For a year or two no houses were erected. Dr. David Welch is said to have built the first cabin, about 1838. The name of the village was selected by the surveyor, at the request of the proprietor. Tabor Randall was the first Postmaster, the office taking the name of Rush Creek. M. M. Camp succeeded him in the office. Subsequent Postmasters have been Sidney Hogden, John A. Peasley, Richard Davis, S. E. Williams and Richard Davis again, the present incumbent. The first store consisted of a few goods sent to the place by L. H. Hastings, then a merchant of Richwood. It was placed under the management of Thomas Cheney, and continued eighteen months. James Stout was the next merchant; Jacob Reed followed; then William Wurl, Camp & Search and others. For a time, two stores of general merchandise were in operation; at present there is but one, conducted by Richard Davis. There is also a grocery, owned by Cheney & Hoffman, the flour and saw mill of W. A. Hall & Son, a blacksmith shop, a repair shop and a shoe shop. The population consists of sixteen families; formerly there was a larger number. Early mechanics in the village were Jacob Honaker, a gunsmith and black smith, and Absalom Carr, a wagon-maker. Lewis Hack, the son-in-law of Dr. Welch, was engaged for some time in making potash.

Dr. David Welch was well advanced in life when he settled at Essex. After a practice of perhaps fifteen years, he retired. Dr. S. E. Williams, hailing from Licking County, located in the village in 1848, and has been in continuous practice since. Drs. Virgil Anderson and J. C. Corruthers each



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had an office for a short time. Dr. P. W. Lee practiced for about two years during the war. Dr. G. J. Skidmore, in 1882, terminated a practice of seven or eight years in Essex, by removing to Pharisburg. Several other physicians have transiently stopped at the village in quest of a good location, but their stay was usually of brief duration. Dr. Williams is now the only resident practitioner in the township.

Dennis Welch taught one of the first schools in the village. For a number of years, the youth of Essex received their instruction in the districts to the east and west ~~of the~~ village. A schoolhouse was then built. Tabor Randall, Margaret Chapman, Peter Smith, Jesse A. White and Caleb Roberts were early teachers.

Rush Creek Lodge, No. 629, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Essex June 20, 1876, with sixteen members, viz.: E. L. Randall, S. H. Grant, G. S. Robertson, M. M. Mather, D. D. Mather, J. D. Mather, Levin Price, Levi Roseberry, Asbury Cheney, E. D. Horton, Richard Davis, Philip Bender, Simpson Price, C. W. Burgoon, John Price and John Vestal. The first officers were M. M. Mather, N. G.; E. L. Randall, V. G.; Levi Roseberry, Sec.; R. Davis, Per. Sec.; P. Bender, Treasurer. The hall in which the lodge conducts its meetings was built during the autumn of 1875, by a joint-stock company, in anticipation of the organization of the lodge. It cost about $500. The shares were purchased, from time to time, by the lodge until it acquired the sole ownership of the hall. Meetings are held every Saturday night. The present membership is fifty-two; the present officers are J. D. White, N. G.; D. D. Mather, V. G.; Jonathan Cheney, Sec.; C. W. Burgoon, Per. Sec.; E. D. Horton, Treasurer.

Rush Creek Grange, No. 710, Patrons of Husbandry, was organized at Essex in the spring of 1874. It continued in active operation only a few years.

Woodland is a post office and a station, in the northeastern corner of the township, on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad. It contains a large planing mill, operated by Henry Hazen, and a store, started about 1866, and still owned by Ed Hazen.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

MRS. ANTHEM BAILEY, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch was born January 27, 1842, in Morrow County, Ohio. Her parents were Nathan and Eleanor Clark, natives of the Empire State. On November 1, 1860, in Delaware County, Ohio, she married David Harden, with whom she came to Jackson Township, this county. He was a son of Isaac and Lydia Harden, and by her there was an issue of four children—Josephine, Clara J., Charles E. and William N. He died in August, 1867, and September 2, 1869, she was united in marriage with Manoah Blue, son of Michael and Ellen Blue, early settlers of this county. To them were born four children, of whom two are now living, viz.: Cora E. and Elva A. He departed this life in March, 1881, and in November, 1881, she was again married, this time to Mr. Anthem Bailey, who was born in this county in March, 1845. His parents were Edward and Mary Bailey, who also were among the early settlers of Union County. Our subject is a lady of rare intelligence and of a social, conversational disposition. She is esteemed by all, and is the owner of 100 acres of valuable land.

JOHN B. BENEDICT (deceased) was born in October, 1820, in Herkimer County, N. Y. His parents were Jeremiah and Elizabeth Benedict, with whom, when a child, he came to Champaign County, Ohio, where they remained till their decease. On March 4, 1843, in Union County, he married Miss Julia A. Chapman, who was born in Harrison County, Va., February 22, 1822. She was a daughter of Jason and Sarah Chapman. By this union there has been an issue of four children—Sarah M., William H., Mary E. and Arthur F. About the year 1846, he settled in Jackson Township, where his widow now resides. Having settled in the woods like all early settlers, he endured many hardships and self-denials. In September 1861, he enlisted in the Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry and subsequently saw considerable active service. He died in March, 1862, at Lebanon, Ky., having succumbed to the dreaded typhoid fever. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, and his widow is also a member of the same denomination. In his death, Jackson Township lost an upright man and worthy citizen. Mrs. Benedict, who is now more than sixty years of age, is a lady of intelligence, and is very active for one of her age.

COLUMBUS W. BURGOON, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, was born November 15, 1837, in Knox County, in this State. He is a son of Upton W. and Mary (Lash) Burgoon, his father a native of Germany and his mother of North Carolina. In 1854, with his parents, he came to Claibourne Township, this county; he received a liberal English education, and for several years taught school. On July 27, 1862, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah M. Benedict, who was born March 6, 1846; she is a daughter of John B. Benedict (deceased) and Julia A. Benedict, of whom we have made mention in this work. To them have been born three children—Wilson S., born June 5, 1868; Annie E., born November 4, 1870, and Clara E. (deceased). In April, 1861, he enlisted in the Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, being a resident of Illinois at that time. His regiment operated principally in Missouri and Kentucky, and he continued in the service until the following September. He has served as Trustee of Jackson Township, and at present officiates as Justice of the Peace. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and F. & A. M. fraternities.

JOSEPH CAMERON (deceased). Among the pioneers of Union County there are none whose memory is more worthy of perpetuation in the history of our county than the subject of this sketch. He was born in Pennsylvania January 3, 1807, and was a son of John and Dorotha Cameron. His father and two brothers were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. On March 26, 1829, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Reed, who was born April, 1809, in Virginia. She was a daughter of Jesse Reed, a soldier of the war of 1812, and Christiana Reed. When nineteen years of age, accompanied with her two brothers, Jacob and William Reed, she rode on horseback a distance of 250 miles, from Virginia to Champaign County, Ohio, where, in the following spring, she wedded our subject. By this union there has been an issue of thirteen children, seven of whom are now living, viz., Erastus R., Eliza O., Elvira M., William D., Jesse L., Frank M. and Carrie; Harvey A. (deceased), one of their sons, was a soldier in the late war of the rebellion, and the first white child born in Jackson Township. In 1830, they came to Union County and located in the southern portion of Jackson Township, until 1852, when they settled where the widow now resides. Our subject had seen much of pioneer life, and endured many hardships and trials. It is said that the first public prayer in Jackson Township was offered in his cabin home in the southern portion of the township. He was deeply imbued with the spirit of uprightness and Christianity, having been a zealous member of the Christian Church, with which denomination he also officiated as local preacher. After devoting a life of usefulness to both church and State he quietly and peacefully, on June 20, 1872, passed away. By his death, his family lost a faithful husband and father, and Union County one of her best citizens. He left to his widow, now in her seventy-fourth year, eighty-seven acres of land.

JAMES CHAMBERS, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, August 29, 1828. His parents were John and Elizabeth Chambers, natives of Ireland, who emigrated to America about the year 1801, and for a short period located in Pennsylvania. They subsequently came to Fairfield County, Ohio, where they settled and remained until their decease. Of their family of five children, four are now living, viz.: James, Alexander, John and William. On November 30, 1852, in Hocking County—formerly Fairfield County—he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Brown. She was a daughter of John and Mary A. Brown, of Hocking County. To them were born fourteen children, twelve of whom are now living, viz.: George A., Emma A., Mary L., Viola C., Ida E., Inez L., Myrta E., John W., Edward F., Edwin F., Oliver L. and Edith A. In 1859, with his family, Mr. Chambers came from Hocking to Union County and located in Claibourne Township until the spring of 1869, at which time he came to Jackson Township and settled where he now resides. He is the owner of 100 acres of tillable land, and an ardent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN CHAPMAN, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, was born November 5, 1816, in Harrison County, Va. His parents were Jason and Sarah Chapman, and with them, when twelve years of age, he came to Champaign County, Ohio, where they located a few years. In 1834, they came to Union County and settled in Jackson Township. Two sons and two daughters, viz., John, Mary, Julia A. and Jason N., are all that remain of his father's family of ten children. In November, 1836, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Dysert, daughter of John and Mary Dysert. By this union there has been an issue of ten children—Joseph H., Jason D., John W., Mary A., Thomas, Francis M., Lorenzo C., Sanford F., Sarah E. and Amanda (deceased). Having lived a quarter of a century, with his faithful consort, and enjoyed the comforts of wedded life, in December, 1861, she peacefully passed away. In March, 1863, he married Rebecca Wade, daughter of Garland Wade, and with her he lived until June, 1882, when she, too, departed this life. He has served as Trustee of Jackson Township, is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church and of the F. & A. M. society, and the owner of 230 acres of land in a fine state of cultivation.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek. The subject of this sketch was born October 29, 1842, in Jackson Township, Union County, this State. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (deceased) Chapman, of whom we have made mention in this work. From his youth up, he has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. In September, 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and subsequently was engaged in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Goldsboro, Kenesaw Mountain and many other minor engagements and skirmishes. He continued in the service until June, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. In March, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Munson, daughter of Theodore and Hester Munson, of Claibourne Township, this county. By her he had one child—John T. She departed this life in October, 1878, and in September, 1880, he was married to Miss Maggie Berry, daughter of Jacob and Hannah Berry. This union has been blessed with one child—Sumner G. Mr. Chapman is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church and of the F. & A. M. society. He is the owner of ninety-eight acres of land in a good state of cultivation, and resides in the northern portion of Jackson Township.

JASON N. CHAPMAN, farmer, P. O. Richwood, son of Jason and Sarah Chapman, was born April 10, 1842, in Union County, this State. In his youth he received a fair English education, and for perhaps one year taught a district school. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was attached to the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in numerous battles and engagements, some of the principal ones of which were Perryville, Franklin and Shelbyville, was in Sherman's grand march to the sea, and at the siege of Savannah, and the surrender of the confederate Gen. Joe Johnston's army. He was honorably discharged in June, 1865. In 1866, he married Miss Mary O. Hodgden, a lady of rare intelligence, born October 14, 1849, in Delaware County. She is a daughter of Charles Hodgden (deceased) and Annie Hodgden. To them have been born four children—Annie F., born April 4, 1867; Minnie E., born July 31, 1869; Earl, born October 15, 1876; and Clyde (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are both members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and honored members of the society. He is also a menber of the F. & A. M. society, and the owner of 100 acres of land.

LORENZO CHENEY, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek. Thomas Cheney (deceased), a pioneer and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born May 3, 1804, in Virginia. His parents were Ebenezer and Elizabeth Cheney. When four years of age, with them he came to Champaign County, Ohio, where they located until about 1826, when they came to Union County. In March, 1829, he married Martha Carr, who was born May 16, 1813, in Pennsylvania. She was a daughter of Absalom and Dorcas Carr, with whom, when four years of age, she came to Champaign County, this State. To them were born fourteen children, of whom seven are now living, viz.: Lorenzo, Absalom, Asbury, Dorcas, Mary J., Emily E. and Christiana. In 1829, he settled near where our subject now resides. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and departed this life in March, 1865. Our subject was born September 27, 1831, in Jackson Township, this county. He was reared amid the scenes of pioneer life, and received a common school education. On February 27, 1859, he was united in marriage with Miss Anna M. White, an estimable lady, born October 9, 1837, and daughter of Albert R. amd Amy (deceased) White. This union has been blessed with eight children, viz.: Charles S., Eva, Elva, Martha, Alona, Wesley G., Sylvester S., and Rush. Mr. Cheney is at present serving his fourth year as Treasurer of Jackson Township. In October, 1872, he was elected a County Commissioner and entered into the duties of this office on the first day of January following, and served three years. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is the owner of 671 acres of land, and a member of the I. O. O. F. society. He is recognized as one of the leading, substantial agriculturists of Union County.

GEORGE W. COWGILL (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born in Ross County, this State, July 14, 1811. His parents were Alexander and Mary Cowgill. When about fifteen years of age with his father, he came to Union County, and settled in Leesburg Township, near what is now known as Magnetic Springs. In 1835, he was united in marriage with Miss Susan Smart, by whom he had five children, three now living, viz.: Isaac, Sarah and Martha. Shortly after, he purchased a farm of 200 acres, on Fulton Creek, in Claibourne Township, on which farm he resided until 1876, in which year he moved to Jackson Township, where his family now resides. Just when life was becoming pleasant, he was called upon to part with the companion of his youth, leaving him with several small children. In March, 1849, he was again married, to Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, widow of the late J. Robinson of Logan County. By her he had four children, of whom three are now living, viz.: Marian, Reuben and George W. Mr. Cowgill was taken sick in church on Monday evening January 10, 1881—he was stricken down, as it were, almost in a moment, and was carried home only to die on the following day, January 11, 1881. All was done for him that loving hearts and friends could do, but he lingered only about twenty-three hours, when his spirit took its flight. He had been a zealous member of the Christian Church for thirty years, and from the time of uniting with the church, until the day of his death, he lived a consistent Christian life. He had been a member of the Masonic fraternity at Richwood, for many years. During his last hours his brother masons afforded him all the aid in their power, and when life had fled they interred his remains in accordance with the usages of the order. The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Williams of Newton, this county, to a large and sympathetic audience, after which his remains were interred in the Bethlehem cemetery. He was a loving father; a good and obliging neighbor, and respected by all who knew him. Thus passed away one of Union County's early pioneers. His bereaved widow resides at the home of one of her sons in Jackson Township. George W. one of the sons of our subject was born in September, 1854, in this county. In April, 1881, he married Miss Inez Harraman, daughter of Lafayette and Martha Harraman of Marion County. They have one child Ira E. Reuben Cowgill, brother of the above, was born in Union County, April 18, 1852. He was reared to man's estate on a farm. In July, 1875, he married Josephine Hurd, daughter of William Hurd (deceased) and Jane Hurd, now Mrs. Abraham Linsley of Summersville, this county. They have one child—George W. He owns fifty-six acres of land well cultivated.

LEONARD DAUM, farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch was born in Germany, in March, 1838. He is a son of Simeon and Catherine Daum. When eighteen years of age, he emigrated to America, and by way of New York came to Ohio. In his youth he learned the trade of shoe-making, which he followed several years. In May, 1858, at Marysville, this county, he married Catherine Hachendorfer, by whom he had six children, five now living, viz.: Mary M., Barbara M., Peter G., John S. and Elizabeth. In 1872, with his family he settled in Jackson Township, where he now resides. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church, and the owner of 224 acres of land.

RICHARD DAVIS, merchant, P. O. Rush Creek. Richard Davis the leading merchant of Essex, this county, was born May 10, 1828, in Delaware County, Ohio. His parents were John R. and Margaret Davis. In his youth he received a fair English education and for about four terms taught school. On June 1, 1851, he married in Union County, Miss Euphronius R. Swarts, daughter of William and Nancy Swarts. For several years prior to entering the mercantile business, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He deals in general merchandise and dry goods, and since 1870, has served as Postmaster. Mr. Davis has established a good patronage, being courteous and obliging to his customers. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were the parents of eleven children, of whom six are now living, viz.: Arthela A., Ethalynda O., Edith E., Rua V., Ora I. and Richard M. They are both active and useful members of society. Mr. Davis is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge, and of the M. P. Church. He has served as Trustee, Clerk and Treasurer of Jackson Township.

JOSEPH B. DECKER, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, was born March 16, 1852, in Marion County, this State. He is a son of John and Elizabeth Decker, of Marion County. His parents have eight children—Elizabeth O., Lucinda J., Joseph B., James F., William A., John A., Mary O. and Amanda E. His father has served as Trustee and Justice of the Peace in Pleasant Township, Marion County, and is of high standing in the community where he resides. Our subject, in his youth, received a common school education. On December 10, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Brown, who was born March 24, 1853, in Marion County. Her parents were James M. and Sarah Brown. This union has been blessed with one child, viz.: Emmet G., born October 18, 1874. In the spring of 1879, Mr. Decker came from Marion County to Jackson Township, this county. He is the owner of 100 acres of land in a good state of cultivation.

JOHN R. DIXON, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, was born August 12, 1827, in Virginia. His parents were John and Frances Dixon, with whom, in the spring of 1839, he came from Ross County, Ohio, to Union County, and settled in Jackson Township, where they remained until their decease. Of a family of twelve children, six are now living—Lucy A., Elizabeth, Frances, Martha J., Nancy A. and John R. In October, 1854, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Sabria V. White, who was born in October, 1829, in New York State. When three years of age, with her parents, Paul and Mary White, she came to Portage County, Ohio, and subsequently to Marion County. This union has been blessed with nine children, six of whom are now living, viz.: James F., Lucy F., Susan A., Philip T. M., Olive J. and Nancy E. Mr. Dixon has seen much of pioneer life, having settled, comparatively speaking, in the woods. For twelve years he has served as Assessor of Jackson Township, and, in 1880, was appointed Enumerator of the Census in his township. He is the owner of fifty acres of land in a good state of cultivation.

JAMES M. DUTTON, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek. The subject of this sketch was born November 26, 1837, in Marion County, Ohio. His parents were David and Sarah A. Dutton, natives of Delaware, who came to Marion County at quite an early day. Our subject, in his youth, was trained to the pursuits of farming, and received the rudiments of an English education in a district school. He was married, in Marion County, Ohio, to Miss Helen Keeler, who was born January 20, 1835. She was a daughter of Hiram and Velina Keeler, both deceased, of Jackson Township. This union has been blessed with three children, viz.: William R., born June 18, 1861; Ada M., born November 20, 1862, and Sarah B., born September 9, 1864. In the spring of 1876, from Marion County, with his family, he came to Jackson Township, this county. He is the owner of forty-one acres of tillable land, in the northern portion of the township.

JAMES L. FISH, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born November 6, 1847, in Mill Creek Township, Union County, Ohio. His parents are Cornelius E. and Elizabeth R. Fish. He was reared to manhood on a farm and received the rudiments of an English education in a district school. On November 16, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Susan McElroy, who was born April 8, 1845, in Ireland. She is a daughter of William McElroy (deceased) and

Elizabeth McElroy. When a child, with her parents she came to America, and by way of New York came to Union County, this State. Their union has been blessed with three children—Washtella, born November 6, 1873; Carrie E., born January 10, 1876; and Chauncey C., born March 25, 1881. Mr. Fish is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the I. O. O. F. lodge, and the owner of 100 acres of land. He resides in the southern portion of Jackson Township.

WILLIAM A. GODFREY, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, was born February 27, 1844, in Ross County, Ohio. His parents were Isaac Godfrey, a native of Maryland, and Elizabeth Godfrey. In 1854, with his father, his mother having died, and other members of the family, he came to Jackson Township, this county. Of a family of nine children, four are yet living, viz.: Nancy, Mahala, Annie and our subject, who is the youngest child. On May 3, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Melissa Austin, daughter of Mark and Cynthia Austin. By this union there has been an issue of three children, two of whom are now living—Chauncy, born September 18, 1875; Nellie, born August 12, 1877; and Eugene (deceased). In August, 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and subsequently participated in the battle of the Cedars, Kingston, N. C., and the burning and evacuation of Decatur, Ala. He was honorably discharged in June, 1865. Mr. Godfrey is a member of the Baptist Church and the owner of fifty-two acres of land. He resides in the northern portion of Jackson Township.

JOSEPH J. GOLDSMITH, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born July 1, 1828, in Franklin County, Ohio. His parents were Thomas and Elizabeth Goldsmith, his father a native of Kentucky and his mother of Ireland. When two years of age, with her parents, his mother emigrated to America and settled in Pennsylvania, where she married a Mr. Chambers, by whom she had two children, both of them now deceased, and with him she came to Franklin County, where he died. She here married, after the decease of Mr. Chambers, Thomas Goldsmith, father of our subject. To them were born seven children, five of whom are now living. Thomas Goldsmith was born in Kentucky, and, when a young man, with his parents went to Virginia. He came to Franklin County a short time prior to the breaking out of the war of 1812. Our subject was reared in Franklin County, where, in August, 1848, he married Miss Eliza A. Thompson, daughter of William Thompson, a native of Scotland, and Susannah Thompson. This union has been blessed with six children, two of whom are now living, viz.: William C. and Oliver H. In the fall of 1853, he came to Union County, and, after living in different parts of which, he finally, in the spring of 1881, settled in the southern portion of Jackson Township. He has served as Treasurer of York Township and Trustee of Claibourne Township. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church and of the I. O. O. F. lodge, and owns fifty-one acres of land.

WATSON A. HALL, miller, P. O. Rush Creek, was born in Portage County, Ohio, January 10, 1839. He is a son of Henderson Hall, deceased, and Mary Hall, now of Delaware County. When five years old, with his parents, he went to Delaware County, where he married, in March, 1859, Miss Eliza J. Farver, daughter of Nelson and Eliza J. Farver, by whom he has one child, viz.: Almer E. For twenty-two years Mr. Hall has been quite successfully engaged in the saw and grist-milling business. He remained in Delaware County until the spring of 1881, at which time he came to Essex, this county. In August, 1862, he enlisted, in Delaware County, in the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battles of Haines' Bluff, Arkansas Post, and the siege of Vicksburg, and received an honorable discharge in July, 1865. He is of an active, stirring business disposition, and a respected member of society.

HENRY M. HALL, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek. The subject of this sketch was born in Franklin County, Ohio, September 11, 1846. He is a son of John and Keturah Hall, of Franklin County. In his youth he received a liberal English education. On December 28, 1870, in Franklin County, he married Miss Frances I. Walton, who was born October 1, 1849; she is a daughter of Gideon and Rebecca Walton, of Franklin County. To them have been born four children, viz.: Charles M., born May 30, 1873; John J., born April 28, 1875; Martha R., born July 31, 1879, and Josephine, born August 9, 1881. In the fall of 1875, he came to Union County and settled in Jackson Township. He is the owner of fifty-five acres of land, and is serving his second term as Justice of the Peace. As an agriculturist, Mr. Hall is meeting with success.

GEORGE W. HANDLEY, farmer, P. O. Richwood. This venerable citizen of Jackson Township was born June 14, 1814, in Loudoun County, Va. He is a son of Daniel and Annie Handley, and when about five years of age, his father died. When twelve years old, with his mother and several other members of the family, he came to Licking County, Ohio. From his youth up he has devoted his attention to farming, and received but a rudimentary education. On December 8, 1836, in Perry County, he was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Bugh, who was born July 1, 1818. She was a daughter of Israel and Amelia Bugh, early settlers of Perry County. To them have been born ten children, seven of whom are now living, viz.: John T., Eliza J., Melinda C., Amelia A., Martha E., George V. and Martin. The names of the deceased are Mary F., David E. and William H., In the spring of 1875, with his family, from Licking County, Mr. Handley came to Claibourne Township, this county, and located in said township until the spring of 1882, when he came to Jackson Township, where he now resides. He is the owner of 118 acres of land in a high state of cultivation.

GEORGE B. HANDLEY, farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch a young agriculturist of Jackson Township, was born July 11, 1856, in Licking County, Ohio. He is a son of George W. and Catherine Handley, whose sketch appears in this work. He was reared to manhood on a farm and received a common school education. On March 2, 1882, he was united in marriage to Miss Eva Cheney, daughter of Lorenzo and Anna M. Cheney, of whom we have also made mention in this work. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 71, at Richwood, and of the Fourteenth Ohio National Guard Regimental Band, and the owner of seventy acres of land.

WINGET HARRAMAN, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek. The subject of this sketch, a prominent agriculturist of Jackson Township, was born April 3, 1846, in Marion County, Ohio. He was a son of David and Nancy Harraman. When twelve years of age, with his father he came to Jackson Township, this county. In his youth he had the opportunities of receiving but a meagre education. He participated in the battles of Red River, Little Rock, the siege of Vicksburg and other engagements in the war of the Rebellion, with the Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and received an honorable discharge from the service. In November, 1867, he was united in the bonds of matrimony with Martha J. Baldwin, daughter of Henry Baldwin (deceased) and Edith Baldwin. To them have been born six children, of whom five are still living—William H., John F., Clarenie L., Florenie A., Carrie A., and Jesse (deceased). Mr. Harraman has been remarkably successful in business; he is a member of the I. O. O. F. society, and the owner of 498 acres of land.

HENRY HAZEN, lumber merchant and farmer, P. O. Woodland. William P. Hazen, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in May, 1817, in New York State, and when twelve years of age came to Ohio. He married Maria L. Langdon by whom he had six children, five of whom are now living, viz.: Our subject being the oldest, Edward E., Phœba A., Philander F., and Martin L. His wife died in 1853, and he was married in December of the same year to Mrs. Charlotte J. Vincent, a widow. About the year 1838, at Deerfield, Portage County, he engaged in the foundry business, having learned the trade of a molder in his youth. He there continued in business until 1840, when he opened a foundry at Rosenna, and carried on the business successfully until 1848, in which year he formed a partnership with his brother, under the firm title of W. P. Hazen & Co. They carried on the business until 1851. In 1851, he embarked in the lumber trade at Atwater, Portage County, where he continued his business until 1860, in which year he went to Warren, Trumbull County. He here carried on the lumber business successfully until 1862, when he admitted as a partner our subject. In 1863, they closed up their business at Warren and came to Jackson Township, this county. In 1866, they admitted as a partner Edward E. Hazen, and the firm henceforth transacted business under the title of W. P. Hazen & Sons, until 1880, in which year the partnership was dissolved. William P. Hazen affords to us a striking illustration, of what a poor boy can do if he puts to work his brains and muscle with a determination to succeed. At the time of his arrival in Ohio he had according to his own statement "a few shillings in his pocket," and to-day he is the owner of 1,500 acres of land in Union County, 700 acres in Florida and other vast possessions. He was in his day one of the most active and stirring business men which Union County possessed. Our subject was born July 11, 1838, in Portage County, Ohio. In January, 1864, be married Miss Alice E. Wells, who was born in February, 1842; she was a daughter of John F. and Dorotha Wells, of Portage County. To them have been born six children—William P., Charles E., Maria L., Benjamin W., Lettie A. and John F. His business career has been principally in connection with that of his father, as shown in this sketch. In connection with his farming, at present he is also engaged quite extensively in stock-raising and lumbering. He has served as Trustee of Jackson Township. Through his exertions was secured the post office at Woodland, where he officiated as Postmaster several years. He is a member of the F. & A. M. society and of the I. O. O. F. society.

EDWARD E. HAZEN, merchant and lumber dealer, Woodland, was born in Portage County, Ohio, April 14, 1843. He is a son of William P. and Maria L. (deceased) Hazen, of whom we have made mention in this work. He received a fair English education in his youth. In October, 1862, he married Amelia Herst, by whom he had four children, three now living, viz., Charlotte J., William P. and Edward F. After her decease, he married Lydia Robinson, of Marion County, by whom he has one child, Daniel E. For many years, with his father and brother, of whom we have made mention, as partners, he transacted business. He is at present extensively engaged in the mercantile trade, and still more extensively in the lumbering business. He is the owner of 597 acres of land and other valuable properties. He has been exceedingly successful in business.

JONATHAN W. HEDGES, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born March 3, 1829, in what was formerly known as Fairfield, now Hocking County, Ohio. His parents were Caleb and Polly Hedges, natives of Maryland, who came to Fairfield County at quite an early day. He spent his youthful days in the quietude of farm life, and received but a common school education. On February 28, 1854, he married Rebecca M. Brown, who was born in May, 1833, a daughter of John and Mary Brown, of Hocking County. To them have been born eleven children, seven of whom are yet living, viz., John A., Gaylord, Wilfred N., Orpha, Eunice, Effie and Ray C. In 1855, Mr. Hedges moved his family from Hocking to Delaware County, where he located two years and came to Union County He settled in the southern portion of Jackson Township, where he now resides. He has served as Trustee of Jackson Township, and with his wife, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is the owner of 231 acres of land.

EDGAR D. HORTON, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Licking County, Ohio, September 5, 1836. He is a son of Thomas and Mary (deceased) Horton, natives of Vermont, who came to Licking County, Ohio, about the year 1834. Of their family of twelve children, nine are now living, viz., Edwin, Orson, Thomas, Paschal I., Charlotte M., Sophia J., Emily A., Helen M. and Edgar D. When thirteen years of age, our subject entered his father's store at Fredonia, Licking County, as a clerk, and he continued with him until he reached his twentieth year. In March, 1865, at New Dover, Union County, he entered into the mercantile business for himself, and continued in the same for some five years. He subsequently spent a short time in Iowa, and came to Jackson Township, this county, in 1871. He is at present engaged in agricultural pursuits. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and became attached to the Army of the Cumberland. At the battle of Chickamauga, he received a gunshot wound in the right arm, which somewhat disabled that member. He continued in the service until February, 1864, at which time he received an honorable discharge at Camp Dennison. On April 23, 1864, he married Miss Sarah U. Criswell, daughter of William and Tacy Criswell, both of whom are deceased. This union has been blessed with six children, three of whom are now living—Frank, Lottie A. and Thomas J. He has served as Trustee and Assessor of Jackson Township, is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, and the owner of fifty acres of valuable land.

WILLIAM R. HUGHES, farmer, P. O. Woodland, was born in Cambria County, Penn., July 30, 1828. His parents were Thomas Hughes (deceased) and Hannah Hughes, his father a native of Wales and his mother of Pennsylvania. When six years of age, with his parents, he came to Marion County, Ohio, where his mother still resides. He remained in Ohio until 1849, in which year he returned to Pennsylvania, where, in December, 1853, he was united in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Rachel S. Ritner, who was a daughter of Maj. Peter and Rachel S. Witner, and a niece of Joseph Ritner, who at one time was Governor of Pennsylvania. By this union there has been an issue of five children, viz.: George R., Thomas H., Everett L., William L. and Alice, the latter two of whom are deceased. Mr. Hughes remained in Pennsylvania until 1875, in which year, with his family, he returned to Marion County, where he located until the spring of 1881, when he came to Jackson Township, this county. In June, 1861, as Captain of Company E, he enlisted in the Twenty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battle of Antietam and others, and was discharged in the following September. He re-enlisted in May, 1863, in the Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as Captain of Company B. He subsequently was engaged in the memorable battle of Gettysburg, and continued in the service until September, 1863, when he received his final discharge. While in Pennsylvania, he at one time was a candidate for State Senator, but was defeated by his opponent, Lewis W. Hall, by a small majority. He has also served as Mayor of Wilmore, Cambria County. Mr. Hughes is a gentleman of culture and education and a member of the F. & A. M. society.

JOHN C. JOLLEY (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born October 3, 1819, in Union County, Ohio. He was a son of John and Hannah Jolley. He was reared to man's estate on a farm and received the rudiments of an English education in a district school. On October 7, 1852, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Keyes, an estimable lady, born March 8, 1828, in Madison County, Ohio. She was a daughter of Daniel and Betsy Keyes, with whom, when a child, she came to Union County. By this union there has been an issue of three children—Homer, born January 22, 1854; Preston, born April 3, 1856; and Emily D., born June 21, 1861. In 1856, he settled in Jackson Township, where he remained until his decease, in August, 1862. To his family he was an indulgent husband and father, and with his fellowmen he dealt with a spirit of generosity and uprightness. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; his bereaved widow, who still resides in Jackson Township, is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the owner of ninety-four acres of land.

WILLIAM KEELER, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, was born June 12, 1844, in Jackson Township, this county. His parents were Hiram and Velina Keeler, natives of Vermont. About the year 1836, they came to Union County and settled in Jackson Township, where they spent the remainder of their days. Of their family of eight children, five are yet living, viz.: Orlando, Helen, Amelia V., Melissa E. and William. On October 31, 1880, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Sells, daughter of Peter and Catharine (deceased) Sells. They have one child, viz., George W., born August 10, 1881. He resides in the northern portion of Jackson Township, and is the owner of sixty acres of land.

RUSSELL B. LANDON, farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch was born July 8, 1831, in Delaware County, Ohio. His parents were James and Elizabeth Landon, his father a native of Pennyslvania, and his mother of Michigan. They came to Delaware County at quite an early day. Of their family of eight children, six are now living, viz.: Elizabeth, Sarah, Darius, Mary J., Catherine F. and Russell B. Our subject was reared to manhood in Delaware County. On October 16, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Sabrina Rodgers, who was born October 27, 1835, in Virginia; she is a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (deceased) Rodgers. When a mere child, with them she came to Delaware County, where they located several years, and subsequently moved to Marion County. By this union there has been an issue of seven children—Elizabeth H., Martha O., Joseph B., Arthur R., Cora M., Orange G. and Emma G. In the spring of 1868, with his family from Marion County, Mr. Landon came to Union County, and settled in Jackson Township. He is a member of the M. E. Church, and the owner of seventy acres of land, in the southern portion of the township.

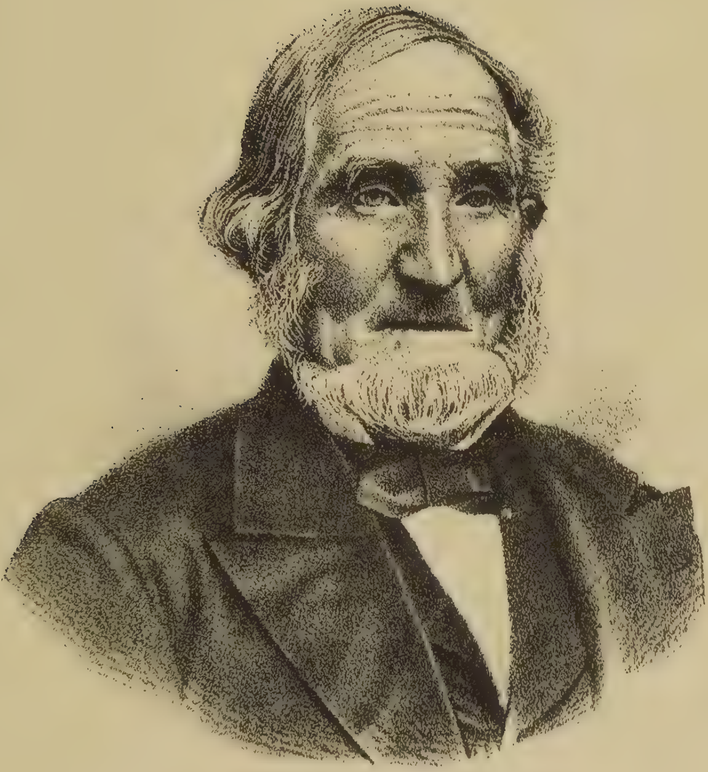
LEVI E. LEWIS, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born May 23, 1833, in Worcester County, Md. His parents were John and Uneta Lewis, natives of Maryland, the latter deceased. About the year 1840, they came to Pickaway County, Ohio, where his mother died when our subject was eleven years old. His father afterward married Mrs. Martha Mitchell. They subsequently moved to Franklin County, where they remained until 1880, in which year they came to Union County. Our subject spent his youthful days in the quietude of farm life, and received a fair English education. On August 18, 1853, he married Miss Susan E. Morten, who was born June 2, 1836, in Pickaway County, Ohio. She is a daughter of Seth Morten (deceased) and Sarah Morten, natives of Connecticut, who came to Pickaway County about the year 1832. This union has been blessed with eight children, viz.: John W., Seth L., Sarah A., Edward M., Susan M., Uneta J., Franklin B., and Mary E. In 1880, from Pickaway, with his family, Mr. Lewis came to Union County and settled in Jackson Township, where he now resides. For twelve years, as a local minister in the Christian Church, he has labored zealously for the advancement of the Master's cause. He is the owner of one hundred acres of land.

S. C. LOVE, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, was born October 9, 1846, in Morrow County, Ohio. His parents were Leonard and Catherine Love. When about seven years of age, with his father, step-mother and two sisters, he moved to Delaware County, Ohio, where his father settled and remained until his decease. Our subject served a short period in the late war of the rebellion, in the One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was attached to the Army of the Cumberland. On December 15, 1870, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Criswell, who was born November 24, 1848, in Licking County, Ohio. Her parents were William and Tacy Criswell. To them have been born three children—Carrie, born August 6, 1871; Valentine, born March 7, 1873, and Wilfred C., born September 19, 1878. In the spring of 1876, our subject settled in the northern portion of Jackson Township, this county, where he still resides. He is a self-made man, having procured all he has by his industry and strict adherence to business. He has served as School Director, and is the owner of sixty-four acres of land, the greater portion of which is under a state of cultivation.

HARVEY MATHER, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, was born in June 1820, in Delaware County, Ohio. His parents were Increase Mather, a native of New Jersey and Anna Mather. When about three years of age, with them he came to Union County. He was reared to man's estate on a farm and received the rudiments of an English education in a district school. In November, 1840, he married Miss Jane Dysert, daughter of John and Mary Dysert. This union has been blessed with seven children, viz.: Daniel D., John D., Oliver B., Mieton M., Aaron A., Mary L. and Thomas J. (deceased). In 1849, Mr. Mather settled in Jackson Township, near where he now lives. He has served as Justice of the Peace in Jackson Township for fifteen years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the owner of 120 acres of land. As an agriculturist, he has been successful, owing to his industry and judicious management.

THOMAS MOORE (deceased) was born in January, 1834, in Union County, Ohio. His parents were Harvey and Magdalena Moore, who had a family of eight children, seven of them are now living, viz.: John, Elizabeth M., Margaret, Cyrus, Nancy M., Martha E. and Magdalena. In June, 1856, our subject was united in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Ellen Moore, daughter of William and Ann Moore, of Claibourne Township, this county. To them were born six children, of whom five are now living, viz.: William H., Mary E., Phila, John H. and Olive I. He served in the late war of the rebellion perhaps sixteen months, but was an invalid during the greater portion of the time. To his family Mr. Moore was an indulgent father and loving husband. He was a member of the Disciple Church, and peacefully departed this life in November, 1878, respected by all who knew him. He left to his widow, who still resides in Jackson Township, and who mourns her irretrievable loss, seventy-eight acres of land.

JOHN MOORE, farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch was born in Union County, this State, September 22, 1836. His parents were Harvey and Magdalena Moore, early settlers of this county. On April 3, 1859, he married Miss Catherine Markley, who was born in May, 1842, in Marion County; she was a daughter of Aaron and Margaret Markley. To them have been born six children, five of whom are now living, viz.: Emma M., Thomas C., Cyrus A., Margaret A. and Ida M. In 1870, he settled in the northwestern portion of Jackson Township, where he now resides. He has served as Trustee of Jackson Township. He is the owner of 240 acres of land, and a zealous member of the Disciple Church.



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ISAAC NOGGLE, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, was born in Hocking County, Ohio, June 14, 1835. He is a son of John and Hannah (deceased) Noggle, of this county. In his youth he received but a rudimentary education. In November, 1861, he enlisted in the Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the seige of Corinth, the capture of Island No. 10, the battle of Iuka and numerous other engagements. He was discharged, and re-enlisted in December, 1863, in the Forty-third Ohio Veteran Infantry. He subsequently was engaged in the battle of Decatur, siege of Atlanta, siege of Savannah, the grand march to the sea, and the surrender of Johnston's army. He continued in the service until July, 1865, when he received an honorable discharge. In February, 1867, he married Miss Jane E. Matteson, daughter of Joseph K. and Mary (deceased) Matteson. To them have been born four children, viz.: Minnie D., Annie M., William F. and Joseph A. (deceased). He is the owner of sixty seven acres of land, and resides in the northern portion of Jackson Township.

FRANCIS M. PARISH, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek. The subject of this sketch was born February 5, 1848, in Madison County, Ohio. He is a son of George Parish, a native of England, and Rachel Parish. About the year 1853, with his parents, he came to Jackson Township, this county, where they settled and still reside. He was, from his youth up, trained to the pursuits of farming, and received but a rudimentary education. In January, 1868, he married Miss Sabrina Randall, who was born April 24, 1851, in Delaware County, Ohio. She is a daughter of Rodney R. and Louisa Randall, now of Jackson Township, this county. To them have been born four children, three of whom are now living—Elva A., born November 1, 1869; Louisa A., born September 6, 1872; Lelia A., born December 4, 1874; and Blanchard F., deceased. He resided in Jackson Township until the spring of 1876, when he moved to Marion County, and resided one year, at the expiration of which time he returned to Jackson Township. In November, 1881, he moved to Columbus, where he was employed by the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo Railway Company. In October, 1882, he again returned to Jackson Township, this county. He has been moderately successful in business, is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, and the owner of eighty-nine acres of land.

SAMUEL T. PATTERSON, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, was born March 22, 1837, in Belmont County, Ohio. His parents were John and Hannah A. Patterson, his father a native of Maryland and his mother of Virginia. They came to Belmont County at quite an early day. When seven years of age, his father died, and when fifteen years of age, with his mother, he moved to Franklin County, where she died in November, 1877. Four of a family of five children are still living, viz.: Samuel T., James, Sarah A., and Martha A. On January 27, 1857, in Franklin County, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth A. Lott, who was born December 28, 1836, in New Jersey. She is a daughter of Elijah and Anna Lott, who came to Franklin County, this State, about the year 1856. This union has been blessed with nine children, six of whom are now living, viz.: Chester W., born December 18, 1864; Charles E., born July 4, 1867; Harry E., born September 6, 1869; Lillias G., born July 15, 1874; Alvin, born August 3, 1875; and Blanche M., born May 19, 1880. In November, 1874, with his family, Mr. Patterson came from Franklin to Union County and settled in Jackson Township. He and his wife are both members of the M. P. Church. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge and the owner of a fine farm of seventy-two acres, pleasantly located in the northern portion of the township.

GRANVILLE S. ROBERTSON, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, was born May 19, 1826, in Virginia. He is a son of Joseph R. and Nancy Robertson. When sixteen years of age, his mother died, and shortly after, with his father, he came to Union County, this State. From his youth unto the present time, he has been engaged in farming. In February, 1851, he was united in marriage with Louisa Andrews, daughter of Horace and Ann Z. Andrews, and by her he had one child—William H. (deceased). She died in September, 1853, and in March, 1856, he was married to Elizabeth Bell, of Marion County, this State. To them have been born eleven children, nine of whom are now living, viz.: Joseph S., Isaac N., Jesse B., Hannah M., Margaret E., John H., Samuel S., Mary E. and Robert R. He has served as Trustee of Jackson Township many years, and also as Assessor. He is a member of the Baptist Church, in which denomination he officiates as a local preacher. In 1865, he settled in Jackson Township, where he still resides, and where he is the owner of 171 acres of land.

ANDREW SCHMELZER, farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch was born in August, 1813, in Prussia, Germany. He was a son of Andrew and Catherine Schmelzer. In 1844, he emigrated to America, and spent several years in New York and Newburg Cities, and then came to Ohio. About the year 1854, he came to Union County. In 1848 married Caroline Kircher, by whom he has ten children, viz.: Andrew, George W., Charles, Jacob, Lewis, Alice, John L., Henry G., Frank and William. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church, and the owner of 137 acres of land. He is industrious and energetic, qualities which have secured for him success, and resides on the western portion of Jackson Township.

SAMPSON H. SNOWDEN, farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch was born in Greene County, Ohio, March 11, 1841. He is a son of James Snowden (deceased), and Mary A. Snowden. He was reared to man's estate on a farm, and received but a limited education. In August, 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer

Infantry, and participated in the battles of Murfreesboro, Kingston and other lesser engagements, and continued in the service until June, 1865. On March 14, 1867, he married Miss Mary F. Flesher, who was born in December, 1847; she is a daughter of John and Lena Flesher, of this county. By this union there has been an issue of four children, viz.: Albert E., William A., Cora M. and John A. In 1872, he came to Jackson Township; and settled in the southern portion of the township, where he owns ninty-six acres of land. He is a member of the M. E. Church.

GEORGE W. STEPHEN, farmer, P. O. Richwood. George W. Stephen is a prominent farmer of Jackson Township; was born in Delaware County, this State, October 30, 1850. He is a son of Zachariah Stephen (deceased) and Mary A. Stephen. Of their family of ten children, seven are now living, viz.: Ephraim, Hugh M., Elizabeth A., Joseph Z., William C., George W. and Nancy J. His father died in September, 1877; his mother still resides in Delaware County. On October 21, 1878, he married Miss Olive E. Perry, daughter of Henry and Martha Perry, of Logan County. To them have been born four children—Bertha, Effie L., Jessie M. and Grace. He has been moderately successful in business, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is the owner of 114 acres of land, and resides in the northwest portion of Jackson Township.

DAVID SWARTZ, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek. The subject of this sketch was born in Delaware County, Ohio, December 26, 1839. He is the youngest child of Abraham and Hettie Swartz. In his youth he learned the trade of carpentering, which he followed for several years. In September, 1874, in Delaware County, he married Miss Lovina Smith, daughter of William W. and Polly (deceased) Smith. To them have been born two children—Mary E., born July 17, 1876, and William A., born August 21, 1879. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was engaged in the battles of Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Perryville, the siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, the grand march to the sea, and the surrender of Johnston's army. He received an honorable discharge in June, 1865. In 1874, he come to Union County, and located at Richwood until the spring of 1878, when he came to Jackson Township. He has served as School Director, and is a member of the Christian Church. He is the owner of forty acres of land.

JOSEPH TEMPLE, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born May 6, 1827, in Adams County, Ohio. His parents were Joseph and Margaret Temple, with whom, when fifteen years of age, he came to Union County, and settled in Jackson Township, where he now resides. On July 6, 1849, he was united in marriage to Lucy A. Andrews, who was born August 20, 1825, and a daughter of John H. and A. Andrews. By her he had six children, viz.: John M., Henry G., Louisa J., Surrilda A., Lucy C. and Edith C., deceased. Mrs. Temple died in June, 1871. On July 8, 1872, he was married to Leonora C., daughter of Theron Eastman (deceased) and Nancy Eastman, of Madison County, Ohio. To them have been born three children. Mr. and Mrs. Temple are both members of the Baptist Church, and useful members of society. He has served as School Director, and is the owner of 242 acres of land.

JESSE A. WHITE, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, was born in Franklin County, Ind., August 31, 1828. His parents are Albert R. White and Amy White, deceased. When five years of age, with his parents, he came to Union County. He was reared amid the rural scenes of farm life and received a liberal education, which enabled him for two years to teach school. On April 10, 1851, he was united in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Angeline Dysert, daughter of John and Mary Dysert. They are the parents of four children—John D., Charles A., Mary E. and Anna M. Mr. White has met with success in a financial sense, being of a stirring, business disposition, and is the owner of 100 acres of good land. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. He has served as Trustee, Clerk and Treasurer of Jackson Township, and for twenty years has been Recording Steward of the Rush Creek Circuit of the Methodist Protestant Church.

DANIEL A. WHITE, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, was born in Franklin County, Ind., February 20, 1830. He is a son of Albert R. White and Amy White, deceased. In 1833, with his parents, he came to Jackson Township, this county. In his youth he received rather a limited education, but by continual reading, and having a love for good books written by standard authors, he has made himself familiar with many of the important topics of this day. In December, 1850, he was united in marriage with Emily Bennet, daughter of Henry and Mary Bennet, and by her had two children, both of whom are deceased. She died in December, 1853. On October 8, 1854, he was married to Minerva Bennet, by whom he has eight children, six of whom are now living, viz.: Albert S., George A., John W., Mary M., Martha E. and Jesse W. Mr. White is at present the efficient Superintendent of the Rush Creek Gravel Road. He is the owner of 188 acres of land, and a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. In 1854, he settled where he now resides.

DAVID R. WHITE, farmer, P. O. Rush Creek, the subject of this sketch, was born October 6, 1832, in Champaign County, Ohio. He is a son of Albert R. White; he received a common school education, and on June 8, 1856, was united in marriage with Miss Alice A. Bosart, who was born November 20, 1838, in Champaign County. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth Bosart, early settlers of Champaign County. They have four children, viz., Jennie, born

August 29, 1857; Elenor, born January 14, 1862; Emery, born July 10, 1867, and Mary, born March 28, 1874. Mr. White has served as Assessor of Jackson Township, and is the owner of sixty acres of valuable land. With his wife, he is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church and, for seven years, has been the efficient Superintendent of the Essex Sabbath School. Mr. and Mrs. White reside on their farm, which is pleasantly located on the Rush Creek Gravel Road, in the western portion of the township.

SAMUEL E. WILLIAMS, physician and surgeon, P.O. Rush Creek, was born March 4, 1823, in Licking County, Ohio. He is a son of Elias and Sarah Williams, natives of New Jersey, who came to Licking County about the year 1819. After receiving a liberal English education, in 1846, he entered for a five months course, the Cleveland Medical College, and graduated in March of the following year. On December 8, 1853, he was united in marriage with Miriam Brookins, daughter of Jonathan P. Brookins (deceased) and Murilla Brookins, formerly of Marion County. This union has been blessed with six children, of whom four are living, viz., Jonathan P., William, Sarah M. and Elbert S. After his graduation, for a short time, he practiced at Hartford, Licking County, and then went to Middetown, now Prospect, Marion County, where he located four years, at the expiration of which time he came to Union County, and located at Essex. Mr. Williams is of a courteous and obliging disposition, successful in his profession, and has established a lucrative practice. He is a member of the F. & A. M. society.

CHAPTER XI.

YORK TOWNSHIP.

THE history of the formation of York Township, as exhibited on the pages of the Commissioners' journal, is as follows:

December 3, 1833—The Board of Commissioners ordered that a new township be laid off on the north end of Liberty Township, to be called York; commencing on the east boundary of said Liberty Township, five miles north of the southeast corner thereof; thence west, parallel to the south boundary of said Liberty Township, to the west boundary thereof; all north thereof to the north boundary of the county of Union to be considered in the said township of York, to be surveyed by Levi Phelps, when it may suit his convenience, previous to March session next.

March 4, 1834—The board took into consideration the report of Levi Phelps, surveyor, on his proceeding in laying off the township of York, and its appearing to said Board that it would be more convenient to the townships of both Liberty and York to remove the line as now run, one mile further north; it is, therefore, ordered that the said Phelps, at some time prior to the next June session, re-survey the said township of York, commencing on the east line of the township of Liberty at the sixth mile tree, being six miles north of the southeast corner of the township of Liberty as originally established; thence to run west with the southern boundary thereof to the western boundary of the county; all north to be considered as the township of York.

December 4, 1834—A petition was presented by William Hartford, praying for a reconsideration of their order for running the line between the townships of Liberty and York, and an alteration; whereupon it is ordered by the board that the said line shall begin five miles north of the southeast corner of the township of Liberty, on the east line thereof; thence running west, parallel to the south line thereof three and one-half miles; thence north, parallel with the east line of said township one mile and 242 poles; thence west parallel to the south line of the township to the western boundary of the county.

In 1836, York Township was divided, and Washington formed from the northern division. It would be impracticable to follow the numerous changes that have been made in the boundaries of York. As constituted at present, its northern and western boundaries are regular. The western boundary is the county line, with Logan County beyond. The northern boundary is the Greenville treaty line, separating York from Washington Township. On the east is Claibourne Township, and on the south Liberty and Taylor. The boundary lines between York and these three townships do not cut any surveys, and are, in consequence, irregular.

These are the surveys included within the township: Peter Manifold, No. 2,832, 1,000 acres, near the southwest corner of the township, surveyed by Lucas Sullivant, September 14, 1799; Andrew Tarborn, the heir of Peter Dunn, No. 2,982, 1,000 acres, southwestern part of township, surveyed by Lucas Sullivant, September 11, 1799; John M. Gregory, No. 2,984, southwestern part, surveyed by Lucas Sullivant, September 11, 1799; George Baxley and Joseph Merriman, six surveys of 1,000 acres each, located in the central and western parts of the township, Nos. 3,234, 3,235, 3,236, 3,237, 3,238 and 3,439, surveyed by Lucas Sullivant, September 14 and 16, 1799; John Bowen, Nos. 3,468, 3,469 and 3,470, three surveys of 889 acres each, in the southeast part of the township, surveyed by Lucas Sullivant, November 10 and 12, 1800; Thomas Bowyer, No. 5,289, 1,000 acres, northern part, surveyed by Duncan McArthur, November 28, 1808; Thomas Bowyer, No. 5,290, 1,000 acres, northern part, surveyed by Duncan McArthur June 10, 1809; Robert Means, No. 5,387, 1,000 acres, southern part, surveyed November 26, 1808, by Duncan McArthur; Robert Means, No. 6,492, 70 acres, surveyed, November 20, 1809, by Duncan McArthur; Burgess Ball's representatives, No. 6,680, 648 acres, southern part of township, surveyed by Cadwallader Wallace June 11, 1834; Allen Latham, No. 11,346, 1,200 acres, eastern part of township, surveyed December 24, 1843, by E. P. Kendricks; Mary Stephenson and Thomas Holt, No. 12,124, 904⅔ acres, northern part of township, surveyed by Allen Latham, March 24, 1823; Joseph Miller, No. 12,542, surveyed September 10, 1833, by E. P. Kendricks, in the northeast corner of township; Robert Means, No. 6,154, 1,700 acres, mostly in Logan County, surveyed March 20, 1809, by Duncan McArthur; Robert Means, No. 5,092, 1,333⅓ acres, mostly in Logan County, surveyed by Duncan McArthur, November 26, 1808; T. Chilton, Nos. 775 and 6,155, 1,059 acres, mostly in Logan County, surveyed by Duncan McArthur March 20, 1809; Allen Latham, No. 15,707, 38 acres, northern part of township, surveyed November 24, 1851, by Nathaniel Massie; David Williams, No. 13,506, 500 acres, northern part of township.

The organization of York Township was completed by the election of township officers April 7, 1834. The election was held at the house of Aaron Shirk, and in consideration of this fact, he was permitted to cast the first vote. The record shows that the following persons were unanimously elected to the several offices; to wit: Trustees, Heman Tobey, Joseph Miller and Harmon Patrick; Overseers of the Poor, Charles Miller and John Coons; Fence Viewers, George Coons, Jonathan Miller and Charles Bennett; Treasurer, William Tobey; Constable, Aaron Shirk; Clerk, William Hartford; Supervisors, John Stamates, Hiram Parker and Jonathan Shirk. On the 15th day of April, 1834, the Trustees met at the house of Heman Tobey, and divided the township into three road districts.

The first election for Justice of the Peace was held at the house of Aaron Shirk October 14, 1834, and Jonathan G. Miller was elected to fill that office. The subsequent Justices, with dates of election, are Thomas Milligan, 1837; Jonathan G. Miller, 1839; William Tobey, 1841; Jonathan G. Miller, 1841; William Tobey, 1844, resigned in 1846; Jonathan Sterling, 1844, resigned in 1846; William Hartford, 1846; Archibald G. Brooks, 1846; David Sterling, 1849, resigned the same year; William Hartford, 1849; Samuel Hoover, 1849; J. G. Miller, 1852; James R. Smith, 1852; Alonzo Harvey, 1855; James R. Smith, 1855; Alonzo Harvey, 1858; Washington G. Davis, 1858; Archibald G. Brooks, 1859; Washington G. Davis, 1861; Archibald G. Brooks, 1862; A. E. Knox, 1864; Archibald G. Brooks, 1865; A. E. Knox, 1867; A. P. Harvey, 1868, resigned in 1870; William P. Plotner, 1870; A. E. Knox, 1870; William H. Plotner, 1873; A. E. Knox, 1873; S. Taylor, 1873; William H. Plotner, 1876; A. E. Knox, 1876; William H. Plotner, 1879; A. E. Knox, 1879; L. D. Wright, 1882.

At the first fall election, held October 14, 1834, the township cast twenty-one votes, eleven Democratic and ten Whig. The vote was as follows: For Governor, Robert Lucas, 11, James Findley, 10; for Representative in Congress, William Ellsberry, 11, Sampson Mason, 10; for State Senator, John Shelby, 11, Samuel Newell, 10; for State Representative, Nicholas Hathaway, 11, Otway Curry, 10; for Sheriff, Calvin Wright, 21; for Commissioner, James B. Irvin, 18, Thomas Price, 3.

The vote of the township for Governor, from that time to the present, is here given: 1836, Joseph Vance, 16, Eli Baldwin, 17; 1838, Joseph Vance, 27, Wilson Shannon, 26; 1840, Thomas Corwin, 47, Wilson Shannon, 37; 1842, Thomas Corwin, 48, Wilson Shannon, 38; 1844, Mordecai Bartley, 62, David Tod, 39, Leicester King, 3; 1846, William Bebb, 42, David Tod, 31, Samuel Lewis, 14; 1848, Seabury Ford, 55, John B. Weller, 48, scattering, 18; 1850, William Johnson, 45, Reuben Wood, 37, Edward Smith, 36; 1851, Samuel F. Vinton, 54, Reuben Wood, 53, Samuel Lewis, 26; 1853, Nelson Barrere, —, William Medill, 48, Samuel Lewis, 85; 1855, Salmon P. Chase, 104, William Medill, 15, Allen Trimble, 4; 1857, Salmon P. Chase, 126, H. B. Payne, 62, P. Van Trump, 1; 1859, William Dennison, 132, R. P. Ranney, 35; 1861, David Tod, 161, H. J. Jewett, 39; 1863, John Brough, 250, C. L. Vallandigham, 43; 1865, J. D. Cox, 192, George W. Morgan, 25; 1867, R. B. Hayes, 214, A. G. Thurman, 47; 1869, R. B. Hayes, 198, George H. Pendleton, 49; 1871, E. F. Noyes, 190, George W. McCook, 43; 1873, E. F. Noyes, 178, William Allen, 62, Gideon T. Stewart, 2; 1875, R. B. Hayes, 255, William Allen, 78; 1877, William H. West, 248, R. M. Bishop, 89, H. H. Thompson, 5; 1879, Charles Foster, 263, Thomas Ewing, 93, Gideon T. Stewart, 6; 1881, Charles Foster, 247, John W. Bookwalter, 68, A. R. Ludlow, 18.

Bokes Creek is the principal stream. It is formed by the confluence of several creeks on the western part of the township, and pursues an irregularly southeastern course. Fulton Creek crosses the northeastern corner of the territory, and in the southern part are several tributaries of Bokes Creek. The surface is level, or gently rolling. The soil is clay, with sandy bottoms along the streams. The timber consisted of beech, sugar, elm, hickory, oak and other varieties.

One of the earliest pioneers of York Township was Joseph Miller. He was born in Ballston, Saratoga Co., N. Y., and spent his youthful days in that vicinity. He was married to Jemima Wilkins in 1801, and to them were born three sons and one daughter. Mr. Miller, with his family, removed to Ohio in 1817, and purchased land in Franklin County, along the Scioto River. After making considerable improvement on this land, he lost it by reason of a defective title. After this misfortune, he located a survey in what is now the northeast corner of York Township. He and his two surviving sons, Jonathan G. and James Charles, became the first setters upon this tract. His daughter Evaline, wife of Aaron Everett, remained in Franklin County. Mr. Miller and his son Jonathan G. first came out with their families about February, 1828. There was then no road to guide them to their new home west of the site of Richwood, and Henry Swartz, of Claibourne Township, who had hunted over this country and was familiar with it, marked out a road for them by hacking trees along the line. By cutting away the underbrush, and winding about a great deal, the Millers reached their destination after a tedious journey. The latter part of their route was the first road—if road it might be called—leading from Richwood westward. The cabin was raised on the site of Benjamin Thomas' brick residence, some little distance west of the Presbyterian Church, by the aid of a few men who accompanied them from Franklin County for this purpose. They brought with them two teams, a scanty lot of household goods and a few sheep, hogs and cows. The sheep soon disappeared, and were never seen afterward, having probably fallen a prey to the ravenous wolves that infested the forests. For awhile the Millers traded, and bought the groceries they needed at Worthington, Franklin County. Joseph Miller erected a cabin, and lived on the same place with his son Jonathan. He possessed some means, was industrious and performed many acts of kindness to the new settlers who followed him into this settlement. He was modest and unassuming, but the earnest friend of every measure to promote the intelligence and morals of the community in which he lived. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and as such communed with the Presbyterian Church in his immediate vicinity, of which his wife was a member, and to which he gave a cordial support. He died in York Township August 31, 1866, aged ninety-two years and nearly eight months.

Jonathan G. Miller accompanied his father to York Township in February, 1828, and became one of the sturdy pioneers who developed the agricultural resources of his adopted township. He was influential and respected among his acquaintances. He had married Anna Wasson, and had a family of six children—Beriah, now of Hardin County; Thomas, a farmer in Trego County, Kan.; Wilmot, the wife of William Longaker, living in Kansas; Anna; James, who was marked missing after a battle for his country, and never heard of again; David, who, while in service, was captured, imprisoned in Libby, exchanged, and when on his way home drowned on an ill-fated steamer on the Mississippi. Mr. Miller moved to Trego County, Kan., in 1878, and died there two years later.

James C. Miller moved to the Miller survey in February, 1830, two years after his father had settled here. He had married Roxana Wasson, in Franklin County, in 1828. They built their first cabin a short distance east of the present residence of Mrs. Miller. Mr. Miller was engaged solely in agricultural pursuits. His children were Justus; Evaline; Dennison, who died in service; Gilbert, who died at Gallatin, Tenn., while in service; Jane, the wife of David Davis; Martha, who was married to Samuel McNeil and is now deceased. Mr. Miller died in this township September 4, 1878.

One of the earliest settled portions of York Township was the land embraced in the three John Bowen surveys, surrounding and south of Summersville. Harmon Patrick is believed to have been the first settler here, though the exact date of his arrival is unknown. He was from Hardy County, Va., originally, but directly from Ross County, Ohio, and came to the township about the time the Miller settlement was made. He occupied a farm of 129 acres in Survey 3,470, about a mile south of the village. He was a high-spirited, enterprising and esteemed citizen, and remained in the township for many years. He removed to Marion County, on the Scioto River. His brother, John Patrick, owned 100 acres in Survey 3,469, and lived here for a few years.

Caleb Arahood, also from Ross County, came soon after, and settled on a piece of land near the center of Survey 3,469, now the Peter Staley farm.

He was a native of Hardy County, Va., and had emigrated to Ross County, Ohio, and from that county to Liberty Township, this county, whence he moved here about 1830. He was a real backwoodsman, rude and uncouth, but clever and kind hearted. As befitted his situation in life, he was an adept with the rifle, and could bring down the noblest game the forests then afforded with ease and dispatch. His wife was Elizabeth Shirk. He sold his farm to David Davis a few years later, and departed with his family for Coles County, Ill. His earthly existence was terminated there shortly after.

William Hartford was among the early arrivals in this locality. By birth he was a Canadian. When the war of 1812 agitated the American continent, his sympathies were enlisted in behalf of the American cause. With his father he came to the United States, and soon after was in the service. At the close of the war, he returned to Canada, and was imprisoned for bearing arms against his country. Effecting a release in some way, he came to Ohio, and settled in Muskingum County. Thence he came to York Township, about 1830, and settled in the southwest corner of Survey 3,470. His nature was positive and impulsive, and to whatever cause he embraced he brought ardent and unwearied efforts. He was at first intensely Democratic in his political preferences, but later in life was strongly identified with the Republican party. Notwithstanding his positive disposition, he was universally esteemed by his acquaintances. He emigrated to Illinois, and invested his means in land, by the rise in the value of which he became wealthy. Within a very recent period, he was living in Iowa. His wife was Eliza (James), and his children Mary, Scott, Almira, Selina, Margaret, Nancy, Isaac and Grace, none of whom now reside in this vicinity.

Jonathan Shirk, uncle to Aaron Shirk, now living in York Township, was born in Hardy County, Va., and emigrated to Greene County, Ohio. About 1830, he came to York Township with his wife, Elizabeth, and family, and engaged in the arduous labor of making a farm from the wilderness, a short distance south from Summersville. His wife died, and he sold his possessions here and removed to Taylor Township, and afterward to Indiana, where he died.

Not uncommonly, settlements were formed by a number of pioneers, hailing from the same vicinity. The tide of emigration from a settled locality would receive its impetus from the success attending the removal of one of the community to the new country. His neighbors, friends and acquaintances, prompted by a desire to share in the benefits which are the reward of faithful and persevering labor in an unsettled region, and preferring the society of old and tried acquaintances as neighbors to new ones, one after another would leave their old homesteads and purchase new homes in the vicinity of those who had gone before them. An emigration from Harrison and adjoining counties to York Township was thus begun by one, who, however, did not live to enter upon his labors in the township. Duncan McArthur purchased a large portion of the John Bowen Surveys, in the southeastern portion of York Township, for a small consideration, and desired its settlement. Samuel Hyde, of Harrison, was slightly acquainted with Gov. McArthur, who offered to sell him, among others, a farm in that vicinity.

Mr. Hyde was born in Maryland, and when a boy, moved, with his father, to Pennsylvania. In Washington County, Penn., he married, and settled on a farm in Harrison County, Ohio. Having concluded to emigrate farther west, in the spring of 1832, in a lumbering wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen, he traveled toward the setting sun till he reached the slight settlement just south of what is now Summersville. Satisfied with the locality, he fashioned, out of the unbroken wilderness, a small, rude cabin, cleared about eight acres of land, fenced it in from the surrounding forest, planted it in corn and returned, by a tedious journey, home. In the fall, he again visited the locality, this time in company with his young son, John B., and harvested his crop. They brought with them a load of household and other goods. Mr. Hyde had eight children, one son and seven daughters, five of whom were at this time married and settled in homes of their own. One unmarried daughter—Nancy, afterward Mrs. George Davis—was living at the home of a married sister. In February, 1833, Mr. Hyde, with his wife Elizabeth, son John B. and daughter Rebecca, who afterward married Sedgwick Coons, bade a final adieu to Harrison County, and, in a four-horse team, began their pilgrimage to York Township. At Berkshire, Delaware County, Mr. Hyde was taken sick. Thinking he would be fully restored to health in few days, he directed that his family proceed to their new home. They concluded the journey in two days, and took possession of the cabin which Mr. Hyde had erected the summer previous. Rebecca then returned to Delaware County for her father, and upon her arrival she was greeted with the sad tidings that he had died and was buried. His disease was lung fever, doubtless induced by exposure and excessive labor. John B. at this time was seventeen years of age. His father had not yet contracted for the land upon which he built his cabin, and John B., in his own name, in a short time bought 100 acres of land, paying for it $2.25 per acre. In 1837, he married Eliza Davis, and still resides on the old place, one and a half miles south of Summersville, enjoying the reward of a well-spent life, and possessing the highest esteem of his large circle of acquaintances. In politics, he has been Whig and Republican; in religion he is a faithful adherent to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Of the seven daughters of Saumel Hyde, six became residents of York Township. The eldest, Catharine, settled with her husband, Hugh McAdow, in the adjoining township of Taylor; Eliza had married Elias Johnson; Ellen had married Charles Bennett; Margaret was the wife of John Sterling; Mary the wife of John Johnson. As before mentioned, the other two daughters, Nancy and Rebecca, afterward married pioneers of the township.

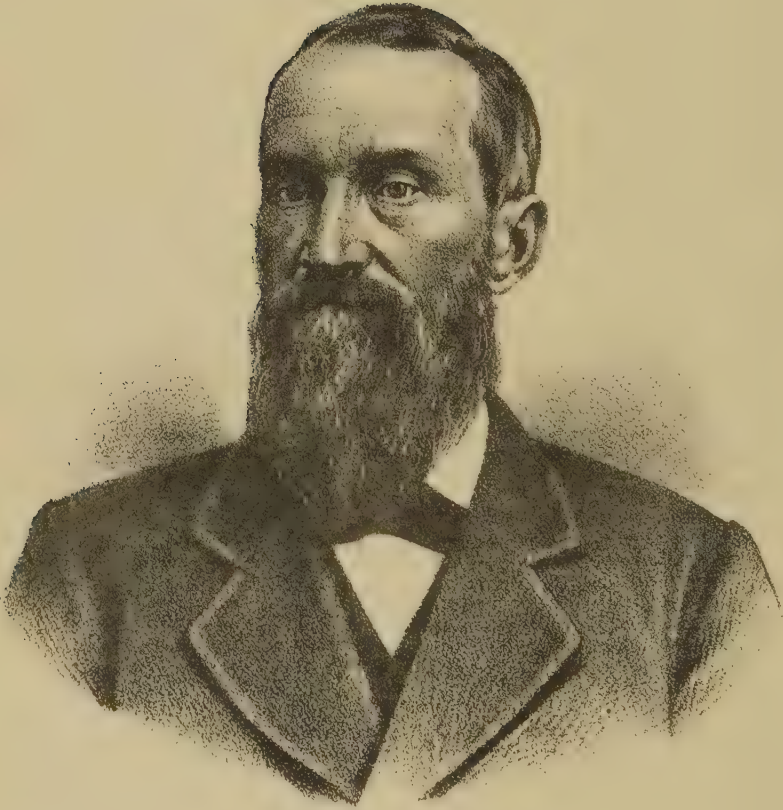
Elias Johnson came in the fall of 1833, settled near Summersville, and there raised a large family. He had served, for a short time, in the war of 1812. He taught several of the early schools, was a well-respected member of society, and died in 1865 at a ripe old age.

Charles Bennett settled in the township at the same time. He occupied the James Seran place in the southeast part of Survey 3,468 for a number of years, then moved to Illinois. Returning, he remained but a short time, and emigrated to Missouri, where he now lives.

John Sterling first located in York Township in the same fall. He was born in Ireland, and, after his arrival in America, settled in Tuscarawas County. Thence he came to this township, and purchased 100 acres in the wilderness, south of Summersville, now known as the Fulton farm. He soon after sold this, attended school for a time at Delaware, Ohio, and returned a Methodist minister, aud was an earnest and faithful pastor until death.

David Sterling, his brother, was also an early settler. He located a farm in the Coons settlement, in the northern part of Survey 12,124, where John H. Sterling now lives Mr. Sterling remained here the remainder of his life. He possessed more than ordinary intelligence, and was highly and universally esteemed. Both he and his brother were earnest Whigs; both were elected to the office of Justice of the Peace, and both resigned before the expiration of a term of service.

John Johnson came with his family from Harrison County, Ohio, in 1834, and settled near Summersville. Before emigrating to this township, he had



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traveled on the circuit as a Methodist minister in the Pittsburgh, Penn., conference and in New York, but after his arrival in Union County he officiated in a clerical capacity only as a local preacher. In physique, he was large and portly. He was one of the original proprietors of Summersville; engaged, to some extent, in clearing his farm; opened a store at the little village he helped found, and was otherwise variously engaged until 1844, when he removed to Marysville, having been elected Auditor of his county. At the expiration of two terms of service, he opened a drug store at the county seat, and remained in business till failing health obliged him to seek a more active life. He returned to his farm in York Township in 1855 or 1856, and there passed the remainder of his life. His children were Almira (Wall), Thomas, Margaret (Davis), Mary (Malin), William S., John, Helen (Smith) and Belle. He taught the first school at Summersville for $8 per month, and boarded himself. He did more, perhaps, to build up the Methodist Episcopal Church at Summersville than any other member of it. He was a useful member of society. and exerted a wide influence. He died in July, 1873, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife survived until June, 1882.

David Davis, a Pennsylvanian, came to what is now York Township in 1833, from Harrison County, Ohio, and settled about a half mile south of Summersville, on Bokes Creek. He first purchased a small tract of land, but soon after increased the amount to about two hundred acres. About eight acres of the place had been cleared by Caleb Arahood before Mr. Davis purchased it. About the year 1841, Mr. Davis purchased 500 acres of uncleared land. about one mile south of York Center, and moved to it with his family. His wife was Keziah Dickson, and his children, ten in number, most of whom now live in York Township, were George, Eliza (Hyde), Amon, Nancy (Patrick), David, Washington, Finley, Rebecca (Storms), Susan (Moffitt), and Thomas. Mr. Davis was attached to rural life, and always lived on the farm. He was in early life an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but subsequently he became a member of the United Brethren Church, and for a few years preached on the circuit. He died July 16, 1878, at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

Washington G., Elza and Amon S. Davis, three younger brothers of David Davis, settled in the township in 1837. Amon was married when he came; the other two were single. Amon S. Davis settled in Summersville, and worked at the carpenter trade for about three years, at the same time reading medicine under the instruction of Dr. Hamilton, of East Liberty. He then entered upon the practice of his profession at Summersville, and continued it very successfully until 1866, when he removed to Decatur, Ind. He died there of milk sickness in 1874.

Elza Davis married Elizabeth Patrick, who died a few years later. He afterward married Mary Walker, of Marion. He, for awhile, followed brick-masonry, but has mostly given his attention to farming. He died in March, 1882. Three children survive him.

Washington G. Davis married Martha Ann, the daughter of James R. Smith, and still lives in York Township, about a half mile north of Summersville. Another brother, George Davis, settled in the township, south of Summersville, in 1841, and died here.

James R. Smith was one of the original proprietors of Summersville. He was a native of Maryland, where he was born in 1794, and emigrated to Ohio when a young man. He lived at Leesville, Carroll County, till 1834, when he came to York Township and purchasd a farm in the southwest corner of Survey 3,468, now the Sylvanus Taylor place. By trade he was a shoemaker, and, in connection with clearing his farm, he followed his trade. His wife was Anna Masters, and his children William M., Lewis G., Martha (Davis), Lemuel, Margaret (Roberts), Louisa (Coe), James, Susan M. (Richardson), Matilda (Wood), Melissa, Thomas, Albert and Edwin. Only two of these now reside in York Township. At first, Mr. Smith lived in a small cabin in Summersville, but soon he erected and moved into a two-story hewed-log house. He was Justice of the Peace two terms, and an Associate Judge of the county for nine years. For about six years, he sold goods at Summersville, and was then elected Probate Judge of Union County, and served in that capacity for ten years. At the expiration of this service, he returned to Summersville, from Marysville, and cultivated a small fruit and flower garden. Judge Smith was one of the leading men of York, and attained the age of eighty-three years. He died suddenly, of heart disease, at Summersville, September 27, 1877. His wife died about 1850. Judge Smith had served a short time in the war of 1812. He is reputed to have organized, in the spring of 1836, at his own house, the first Sunday school in the township.

Thomas R. Price was born in Pennsylvania December 27, 1809, and removed to Harrison County, Ohio, when a small boy. In 1836, he came to York Township, and settled in Summersville. He entered into several enterprises successively, including hotel-keeping, selling goods, running a boot and shoe shop, until his health failed, in 1865. He was long an invalid, and died March 15, 1877.

William Kirk, who was raised near Alexandria, Md., came to the township about 1834, and bought a little farm just east of Summersville. He farmed, made shoes, tailored a little, and for a few years was a local minister of the Methodist denomination. He lived to a good old age, and died in 1874, well respected by all who knew him.

Samuel Kirk, an uncle of William, and also a prior denizen of the State of Maryland, came from Logan County about the same time, and engaged in shoe-making in Summersville. He was a migratory individual, and terminated his earthly career at Pharisburg.

The third settlement in the township was made by George Coons, in the T. Bowyer Survey, No. 5,289. Mr. Coons purchased 100 acres, about two miles north of York Center, and in the fall of 1829 came out from his home in Fairfield County, and built a cabin. During the winter, he brought out several wagon-loads of goods, and in the spring following came with his family, arriving at the new home April 1, 1834. The Miller settlement, and the settlement just below the site of Summersville, were the only portions of the township occupied by settlers at this time, and the labor of cutting a wagon road to his home in the wilderness devolved upon Mr. Coons, and was performed by arduous labor. Mr. Coons was a farmer, and spent the remainder of his life on the farm he first settled. He died October 19, 1856, aged seventy-eight years. His wife, Keziah, survived him twenty years, and died at the age of ninety-three. The family of the pioneer and highly-esteemed couple consisted of four sons and four daughters, all of whom became early residents of the township. The four sons, John, Thomas S., Brice and Harris, and two daughters, Letitia, who afterward married Levin Wright, and Rhoda, who afterward became the wife of A. G. Brooks, accompanied their parents to the township. The other two daughters had entered married life in 1829—Sally with Jacob Bollenbaugh and Allie with John Stamates. Mr. and Mrs. Bollenbaugh, in 1830, at the same time the Coons family settled here, moved from Fairfield County to Hancock County; but after a sojourn there of several years came to York Township, and settled among their friends. Mr. Bollenbaugh was a straightforward, industrious German, Democratic, and afterward Republican in politics, and, like the Coons, of the Baptist persuasion. Besides farming, he operated a little tannery for a time. He died a few years ago, leaving a family of children to possess his homestead.

Nathaniel Brooks settled in the Coons settlement in 1832. He was from New York, and was class leader in the Methodist Epicopal Church. In politics he was strongly Whig. He died in 1836, leaving a family of four sons, Archibald G., James, Joseph and Robert, and several daughters. Archibald G. was a man of prominence in the township, and died recently.

John Stamates, hailing from Muskingum County, came with the Coons, and lived with them during the first year of his citizenship of York Township. He then bought a place in the Miller settlement, and is still living there.

Levin Wright came from Fairfield County about 1835, and settled in the Coons settlement. He remained a lifelong resident of the township. By his first marriage—with Letitia Coons—he had three children. His second wife was Sally Thornton, and the children of this marriage still reside in the township.

Heman Tobey, in 1831, moved to the township from Saratoga County, N. Y. He purchased the survey of 1,000 acres in which York Center is located, No. 3,234, for about $1,000, and, retaining a portion for himself and his sons, disposed of the rest to incoming settlers. Mr. Tobey was twice married. His first wife was Hannah Rowland, and their children were William, Henry, Harlow and Rosanna (Shirk). His second wife was Mrs. Martha Tobey, the widow of his brother, Samuel Tobey. By her prior marriage Mrs. Tobey had two daughters, Melinda (Wheeler) and Amanda (Comer). The children of Heman's second marriage were Jane (the wife of A. E. Knox), Charles, Emaline and Evangeline (wife of Robert Negley). Mr. Tobey was a shrewd, honest Yankee, and a member of the Baptist Church. He died while on a visit to some of his children, in Madison County, aged sixty-four years.

Sarah Ann Suddith, a widow, moved with her children to the wilds of York Township, near York Center, in 1831 or 1832. She purchased a little place of fifty acres, and with the aid of her boys managed to earn from it a livelihood. Her children were William, Priscilla (married to Moses Dean), George, Jemima (married to Milton Smith) and Mary, who was the wife of David Davis, Jr. Mrs. Suddith afterward removed to Iowa.

Gregory Storms, in 1833, moved from Orleans County, N. Y., with his wife, Melinda, and seven children, to a farm of 150 acres just north of York Center, and between it and Bokes Creek, which he had purchased from Henry Tobey for $1.25 per acre. None of it was then cleared, and he at once gave his entire attention to the improvement of his home, and became an industrious and well-respected citizen. He was an earnest Whig and a zealous Methodist. For several years the services of the little religious class, which he helped to organize, were conducted in his cabin. He died on the farm he first settled in the seventy-fourth year of his age. His children were James, Roxana (wife of Amon Davis), Judson, William, Joseph, Elizabeth (wife of John Mar), John, Harriet (wife of Lathe Richeson), Eliza (wife of Henry Stalder) and Gregory. The last three were born in this township.

David Thurston, a carpenter by trade, hailing from the Empire State, settled, in 1834, on a portion of the Aaron Shirk farm, in Survey 3,234. He was a skillful craftsman, and followed his trade here for a number of years. He died in Liberty Township, whither he had moved.

Hiram Parker, another early settler in the central portion of the township, came from Meigs County, about 1833, and settled about three-fourths of a mile southwest from York Center. He was an industrious citizen, and one of the first Trustees of the township. He afterward moved away.

Aaron Shirk was born in Hardy County, Va. In 1818, when he was eight years old, his father, Aaron Shirk, moved with his family to Ross County, Ohio; crossing the mountains in a five horse team, and consuming six weeks on the journey. After a two years' sojourn in Ross County, Aaron Shirk, Sr., moved to Liberty Township, Union County. Here his son grew up, and spent his time in clearing his father's land and in hunting. Aaron Shirk, Jr., was married, May 9, 1833, to Rosanna Tobey. He at once purchased 145 acres from his father-in-law, Heman Tobey, at $1.50 per acre, north of York Center, built his cabin the summer of 1833, and in November of the same year settled on the place. His house was a hewed-log building, of superior finish for those times. Mr. Shirk had procured the services of a competent carpenter, and the cabin boasted of a good board floor and three twelve-light windows—an unheard-of extravagance then. Most of the cabins had windows of but four to six panes of glass, or more probably were content with deer skin or oiled paper for window-panes. Mr. Shirk has ever since resided on this farm, engaged chiefly in farming, but at times he has followed other pursuits. He has made brick, burned lime, followed shoe-making, and in early times passed much time in the woods in quest of game. He thinks he has killed more than five hundred deer. He possesses an active, restless spirit, and is ill at ease unless actively engaged. Of his five children, only two are now living, Sarah, the wife of Sanford Spain, and John, of Mount Victory.

The vote of the township in 1840 was eighty-four, about one-fourth the present vote. The settlers mentioned heretofore are believed to have been the first, and among the first, in the township. All the following were residents of the township prior to 1840, some of them several years before:

James Bennett occupied the James Seran place, southeast corner of Survey 3,468, subsequent to 1835. He came from Maryland to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, thence here; was a Democrat, and removed to Missouri, where, from last accounts, he was still living.

Simon Coder made the first improvements on the Samuel Johnson farm, in the northeast part of Survey 3,469. He came from Ross County before 1834, purchased 150 acres and followed blacksmithing. He sold the place to Thomas Butterfield, and removed to near Marysville. He is now living, in his old age, in Taylor Township. His political affiliations were Democratic.

Thomas Butterfield came from Harrison County. He was of Quaker extraction, and his political principles ranked him a Whig. He raised a large family and died on the place.

John Barkdale settled in the eastern part of Survey 3,468, north of the Richwood pike, on the place now owned by James Seran. He was a Whig and a Methodist, and removed with his wife and a son to Iowa, after his remaining children had married.

Hiram Beal located in the northwest corner of Survey 3,470. After a residence here he removed to Illinois; thence to Iowa. He was a Democrat. His father, Nicholas Beal, was an early merchant at Summersville. George W. Baxley was the son of George Baxley, one of the most extensive original land-holders of the township. George W. was raised in Baltimore, Md., and came West to occupy a portion of his father's possessions. He settled on about five hundred acres, the southern part of Survey 3,238, but not being accustomed to the sturdy labor of a pioneer, did not reduce it to a cultivated state with any great rapidity. He gradually disposed of his land, and at length purchased a mill site at Newton, and removed to that village.

Joseph Cahill, from the eastern part of the State, settled in the southern part of Survey 3,238, but did not remain long here. He was an ardent Whig.

John Cork, in 1834 or 1835, settled on the Thomas Hamilton place, in the southwestern part of Survey 3,469. He came from Ross County, and died here. Religiously, he was a Methodist, politically a Whig. He was very ingenious and skillful with tools, and was successful in whatever mechanical undertaking he assumed.

William Ennis hailed from New York. He settled on what is now the E. Haun place, in the northern part of Survey 3,237. He raised a family here, and removed to Logan County, where he died.

Jacob Echard, a Pennsylvania German, occupied for a short time a little place in the southern part of Survey 3,470. When he sold, he removed to Darby Plains, and in a short time farther West.

David Fulton, about 1837, came from Maryland, and settled in the northwest corner of Survey 3,470, where his son, William T. Fulton, now resides. He maintained a residence there up to the date of his death. He was straightforward in all his transactions, and well liked. In early life, he had been a Democrat, but after the Republican party was organized he became a member of it. In religious life, he was known as a Seceder.

Daniel Gould became an early resident in the Miller settlement, on the farm now occupied by Andrew McNeil. He was from New York, and after a residence of a few years in York Township moved to Bellefontaine. John Keener, a German, Ross County farmer, settled, when an old man, in the southern part of Survey 3,470. He did not survive his emigration thither many years.

James McCrea, about 1834 or 1835, came from New York, and located in the Miller settlement. He was well advanced in life when he came. He was a man of considerable intelligence, and was known as Judge McCrea. The title was deserved, for in New York he had won the ermine. His politics were Whig, and religiously he inclined toward Presbyterianism, though not a member of that denomination. He died in York Township. Nathan Raymond was another early settler in the Miller settlement.

David Master, a young farmer from Tuscarawas County, settled north of Summersville. He was of Quaker parentage, and in a few years removed to the northern part of Ohio.

Hartwell Monger became the owner and resident of a little place in the Coons settlement. He afterward removed to Illinois.

William Sigler, a Marylander, came to the township a single man, soon after 1830. He first settled near Summersville, but afterward removed west of York Center, and there spent the rest of his days. He married Mary Cook, and left a family. His politics were Republican; his religion, Methodist.

Adam Winters came from Maryland in 1832, and settled one mile west from Summersville. He married Eliza Sigler, sister to William Sigler. He was honest and industrious, and well respected by his neighbors. He was a noted hunter, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His death occurred in 1856.

B. P. Wilkins and Abel Wait were early residents in the Miller settlement. Mr. Wilkins immigrated here with his family from near Fawley, N. Y. He was a farmer, and died in the township October 27, 1858, aged sixty-six years. Mr. Wait, who entered the township about 1835, was a Yankee, and after a residence of some length in York, removed to Champaign County.

James Whitaker settled near York Center. He came from New York, and from York Township emigrated to Michigan, where he died.

Ephraim Yarington, from Carroll County, settled in the southern part of Survey 3,470. He reared a large family, and subsequently removed to Illinois, where he died.

Emmet Southworth and his brothers were among the earliest to locate in the extreme western part of the township. Emmet is now living in Logan County.

Andrew McNeil came to the township from Pennsylvania in the year 1839, and has since been a continuous resident of the township, except four years, when he resided in Marysville, during his two terms of office as Auditor of Union County. Mr. McNeil was also Commissioner of the county for six years. He is one of the prominent men of Union County, and holds the esteem of his wide circle of acquaintances. Since the organization of the York Presbyterian Church, in 1839, he has been a Ruling Elder.

Robert McIlroy came from Harrison County, in 1833, and has lived here most of the time since. For more than forty years he has been class leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William Henson, too, came in 1833, and resided about forty years in the township. He then went West, and died soon after. His children numbered twenty-one, most of whom are dead, or have gone from the township. Mr. Henson was an industrious and well respected citizen.

James Seran came to York Township from Carroll County in 1836, purchasing fifty acres of land, where he now lives, at $2 per acre. Mr. Seran is honest, hard-working and upright, and has amassed considerable property. He has been a leading member of the United Brethren Church for years.

The first settlers arrived at the township only a few years before the Indians departed from this neighborhood forever; but while here they hunted in common with the whites. The Indians would whenever a favorable opportunity presented, steal coons and other game from the traps of the pioneers, and in return the latter paid little regard to the rights of the savage acquaintances. One of the foremost settlers discovered an Indian robbing his traps and almost at the same instant the Indian espied him and sprang behind a tree. To the demand of the hunter to come forth, the red man made no response for awhile, but afterward pled the lateness of the hour of the day and the necessity of reaching his camp immediately. He sped away fleetly, leaving the trapper indignant, but in possession of his game. The next morning, with his brother, he started through the woods in search of the camp of the Indians. It was discovered in the lower part of Washington Township, but the Indians were not there. After searching in the vicinity for them, they returned to the camp, placed the combustible matter it contained in a heap in the center, and applied a torch. They lingered about till the camp was reduced to ashes, then returned home. The Indians were never seen or heard of afterward. Another pioneer, missing game from his traps, cut on the bark of a beech tree the figure of an Indian, bound and lashed by a white man. Soon after an Indian drew the figure of a white man on a tree with a bullet hole through the arm. On the same tree the original artist sketched a dusky savage pierced through the heart with a rifle ball. This was the last of the series and the Indians avoided that vicinity thereafter, it is said.

Deer was abundant before much of the land was cleared and many of the settlers became very successful in hunting this and other game. Aaron Shirk, in his youth, was quite a huntsman. He was keen-sighted, cool, muscular and active. He once picked up his rifle and went out to shoot a deer. His younger brother had been squirrel hunting the day before and left a light load in the gun. Mr. Shirk was unaware of this, and supposed the gun was heavily charged. He saw a large buck lying behind a log and fired, shooting it through the neck. The buck fell over, and, supposing he had killed it, Mr. Shirk rushed up to it, without reloading, and was making ready to cut its throat with a butcher knife he had with him when the infuriated animal, that had only been stunned rushed at him. The only thing to do was to seize the buck by the horns, and a struggle was commenced which continued an hour and extended over two acres of ground. Once the young man, despairing of wearing out the strength of his foe released his hold and sprang behind a large oak. His dog, however, that had rendered him great service in the contest sprang at the throat of the buck, which partially stumbled, and Aaron again entered the lists. In the contest he had lost his knife, but when the struggles of the animal became feebler through exhaustion, Mr. Shirk succeeded in opening his pocket knife with his teeth, and severing an artery in the neck of the buck. It was two weeks later when he had fully recovered from the effects of the battle.

VILLAGES.

Summersville is a little village located on Bokes Creek, in the eastern part of the township and in the southern part of Survey 3,468. This survey was purchased by James R. Smith, John Johnson and William Summers, and they were the proprietors of the town. The first two had become residents on the survey; Mr. Summers was a Methodist minister at Leesburg, Carroll Co., Ohio, and never lived in York Township. The plat was surveyed by Levi Phelps and recorded August 11, 1835. It comprised forty-eight lots facing on two streets, Main and Cross streets. When surveyed, the land was yet uncleared, and John Johnson felled the first timber on the site. The first cabin was erected by Thomas Price. It was a log cabin of the usual pattern, but soon after Mr. Price built a two-story hewed-log house and occupied it as proprietor of the village tavern for several years. John Johnson had had an ashery at this place or near it before the plat was made. He was the first merchant in the village. His goods he purchased at Columbus and at first offered them for sale at his cabin. The stock consisted mainly of groceries with a few dry goods. John Price, the son of Thomas Price, moved to the village soon after it was surveyed and pursued the avocation of carpentering. William Kirk, a local Methodist minister, was another early arrival. He came from Carroll County and started the first tailor shop. After engaging in this trade for a number of years, he removed to a farm near Summersville with his wife Nancy and family, and died there in 1874, at a good old age. He was well respected by all who knew him.

The proprietors were active in their endeavors to build up the town, as the following advertisement will certify. It was published January 28, 1842, in the *Union Gazette* of Marysville:

> *Sale of Land and Town Lots.*—The subscriber will offer at public sale on Friday, the 25th of February next, lots in the town of Summersville and adjoining thereto. These will be laid off in tracts of various sizes, say from three to ten acres each, fronting on State roads, so as to suit mechanics and tradesmen, several of whom would meet with good employment in this new and growing community. A blacksmith, gunsmith, carpenter and joiner, cabinet-maker, wheelwright, cooper, saddler, etc., etc., are much needed. There are at present in the village one tannery, one boot and shoe maker, two chair and bedstead factories and one wagon-maker's shop; also a good saw mill within a half mile. Terms: One-third in hand or to be paid on the 1st of April, and the balance in two equal annual payments.
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> JOHN JOHNSON, *Agent.*
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> SUMMERSVILLE, January 28, 1842.

The tannery alluded to was started by John Thomas. In a few years' he sold it to Nicholas Beal. L. G. Monroe and Thomas Hyde were subsequent owners. The tannery has been operated until within recent years. John Price had a small bedstead factory, the only one now remembered. Adam Hatfield probably had the first wagon shop, and Charles Bennett is believed to have been the first shoe-maker.

Dr. Charles Morrow, of Summersville, was the first physician in the township. He came from the eastern part of Ohio about 1837. He used as remedies herbs to a great extent, a system quite popular for a time in early days. Dr. Morrow subsequently removed to Delaware for the purpose of giving his children the advantages of a collegiate education. He returned, but his school of medicine had lost favor with the people to a considerable extent, and the Doctor gave his attention more to farming. He died at Mount Victory. Dr. Amon S. Davis was a long and successful practitioner at Summersville. Dr. A. J. Richardson is the only resident physician of the village at present. He has been in continuous practice ever since 1866. Drs. G. W. Ramage, J. W. Reading and others have in the past practiced in this vicinity.

The Summersville of to-day is of scarcely more importance than the same village was forty years ago. When mud roads prevailed, it was quite a trading point for the farmers in this part of the township, but since the construction of good pikes the people seek larger, though more distant, towns. Formerly there were two flourishing stores and a hotel. Now all the mercantile business is transacted with A. M. Crawford. There are two blacksmith shops and a shoe shop, two churches and a good school in the village, and perhaps one hundred and fifty people. James M. Darling is the present Postmaster.

York Lodge, No. 672, I. O. O. F., was instituted August 16, 1877. The charter members were L. H. Southard, Lemuel Cahill, L. W. Smith, John Ogan, John Sterling, William Haines and Peter Ware. The membership is now large and the lodge flourishing. It has a good hall. The present officers are E. R. Wilkins, N. G.; G. W. Westlake, V. G.; S. S. McIlroy, Rec. Sec.; F. L. Kezertee, Per. Sec.; Dr. A. J. Richardson, Treasurer.

York Center, comprising about fifteen dwelling houses, two stores and a wagon shop and a blacksmith shop, is situated near the geographical center of the township. Prior to 1860, the site of the village was void of any buildings, save one or two farm residences, but in that year Charles Corey built a cabin here and brought to it a general stock of goods which he arranged in a room of his cabin and offered for sale. Ed Cranston in a few years built a store-room and purchased the Corey stock of goods. One after another family moved in until the village attained its present size. The two merchants now in business here are Dexter White and George Hornbeck.

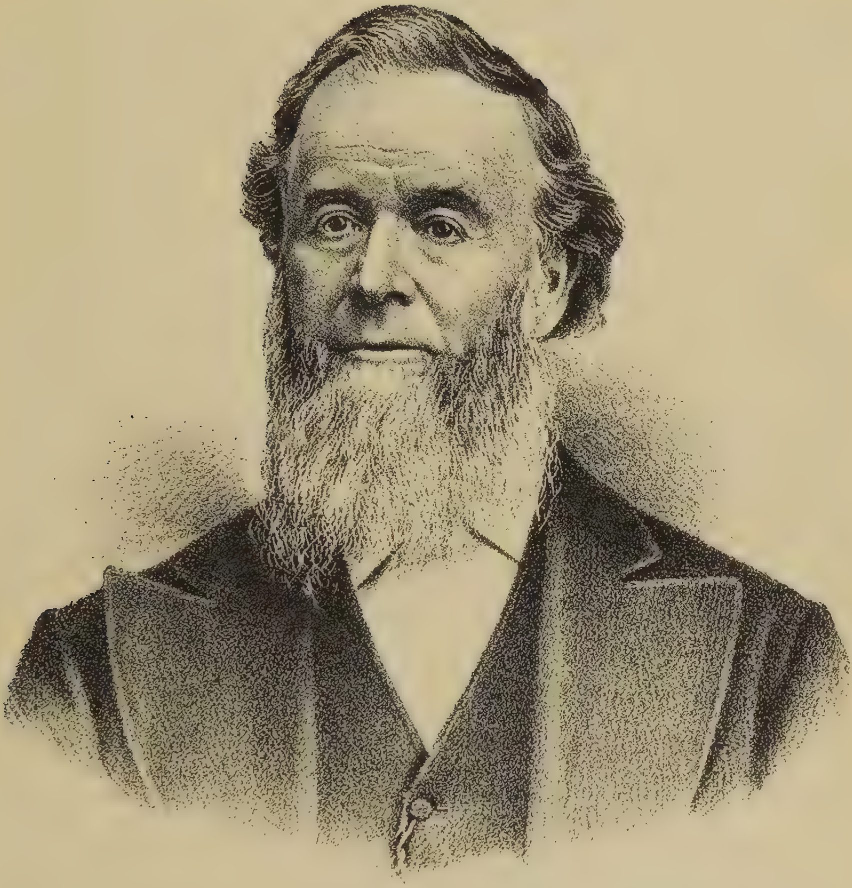
A post office was established early in the history of the township at Jonathan Miller's. The office was then kept by B. Wilkins, north of Bokes Creek, for many years, commencing about 1838. At his death, Henry Tobey, Hugh T. Knox and others dispensed the mail here. When the first store was opened at York Center, the office was brought here and kept by a succession of merchants to the present time. George Hornbeck is the present Postmaster.

A village was platted at York Center, June 24, 1841, but it came to naught.

MILLS.

The first grist mill in the township was built by Thomas R. Price on Bokes Creek, just north of York Center. In order to have the convenience of a mill in the neighborhood, Aaron Shirk and Harrison Storms volunteered their assistance in erecting it. The building was a hewed-log structure. Before it was completed, Mr. Price sold it to Joseph Cahill. It was finished by him about 1840, and after a few years he transferred it to H. T. Knox, who added steam power and a saw mill, using water-power whenever available. This mill was conducted until within a few years.

Thomas Price constructed a small "corn-cracker" on Bokes Creek, south of Summersville, near the cemetery, where he endeavored to accommodate his neighbors with corn grists as often as desired. In a few years, a turbulent freshet swept it away and the quondam owner did not replace it with another. Adam Winters was the possessor of a saw mill, operated by water-power, west



Thomas Skidmore

of Summersville, and attached a small pair of buhrs, which, for some time, were patronized to some extent by the early settlers.

An extensive tile factory, about midway between York Center and Summersville, has been in operation about three years. It is owned by John Tremble.

SCHOOLS.

In York township there are now eleven school districts and eleven substantial, well-constructed school buildings. The early schools followed closely the settlements as they were made in different parts of the township. Although there were no district schools in the first years of the township supported by public taxation, yet the townships were divided into districts for the purpose of apportioning among the different settlements, in proportion to the enumeration of youths, a small school fund which probably arose from the sale of school lands. In 1834, two districts reported to the County Clerk; one contained fifty-four children, the other seventy-one. In 1835, a third district was formed; and in 1836, a fourth, with a total enumeration in the four districts of 133.

A small log structure with a huge wooden fire-place and clay chimney at one end, was erected at Summersville soon after the village was platted. It was used also as a meeting house for some time. John Johnson taught the first school here, receiving $8 per month.

In 1834, Elias Johnson taught a school in the little cabin which Samuel Hyde built during the summer of 1832. A schoolhouse was soon after erected on the farm of Elias Johnson by the pioneers in the vicinity of Summersville. Elias and John Johnson taught here for a few years, until the schoolhouse burned. One was then built west of Bokes Creek and one at Summersville.

A. E. Knox was an old and faithful instructor. He taught many years in different districts of York. Dr. Joshua Skidmore, when a young man, taught here also. Miss Barber, Miss Roxy Munger and Miss Elizabeth Whittaker were also early teachers. Miss Penny, from Darby Plains, taught the first school near York Center in a log schoolhouse which stood a short distance north of the Center, on the south bank of Bokes Creek. John Sterling soon after had a school about two miles north of York Center, on Levin Wright's farm. Miss Fenner and Mrs. Mary Johnson were among the earliest of preceptresses of the York Township youth. The latter received for her services $1 per scholar for the term, payable in corn, potatoes and coon skins, the latter being rated at 25 cents each.

The following is related of the first school in the Miller settlement: "In 1838, the children in the Miller settlement had so increased as to raise the question—how shall these children be educated? A young man in their midst was willing to teach for moderate pay, but there was no schoolhouse. This difficulty was soon solved. Mr. Joseph Miller generously offered the use of his residence during the usual school hours of the day. This offer was accepted. The seminary was opened, and morning after morning during the term Mr. Miller and his aged companion rose early, did up their morning work, ate their breakfast, arranged the seats for school, and then left the house and hied their way to their eldest son's residence, and returned again in the evening after school was dismissed. Thus, day after day was the laborious, self-denying, monotonous drudgery performed by this aged pair for the benefit of others."

CHURCHES.

In York Township there are three congregations and three church edifices of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, known as the Summersville, McKendree and Bethel Churches. The Summersville class was the first religious society in the township. It was organized in the winter of 1835, at Summersville, by Rev. E. T. Webster, with about twenty-five members. Among the prominent early members were John Johnson, William Kirk, James R. Smith and Robert McElroy. John Johnson was the first class leader. The services for several years were held in the dwelling houses of some of the members, but in a short time a log meeting house was erected on the lot where the present church stands. The lot was donated to the church by William Summers. This rude church structure continued to serve as a place of worship until 1856, when a frame church was erected at the same place. It in turn gave place a few years ago to a new, neat and comfortable frame edifice, surmounted by belfry and bell, erected at a cost of about $2,200, under the pastorate of Rev. Solomon Lindsley. The present membership of this society is about sixty. Rev. J. W. Donnon is the minister in charge. The circuit of which this congregation is a part includes three other charges—McKendree, Byhalia and Bethel. An interesting and instructive Sabbath school is regularly maintained.

The McKendree society was organized about 1838, at the residence of Gregory Storms. Besides Gregory, David Davis and Henry Tobey were the principal original members. Other early members were Harrison Storms, William Tobey, Abel Waites, John Sterling, David Sterling, Elizabeth Hyde and Margaret Brooks. Revs. Kimber and Phillips were among the earliest ministers in charge. Like most early churches, meetings for a few years were held at the cabins of the members. About 1841, a log church was reared on the site of the present church, which was built about 1858. It stands near the center of the township between York Center and Bokes Creek. A steeple and bell have been added since. The society is in a prosperous condition and contains a membership of more than one hundred and twenty-five, divided into six classes. Since the first church was built, a Sabbath school has been held each summer, and for the last few years without any intermission.

Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church is located in the extreme western part of the township, three miles west from York Center, and the society that worships here is of more recent date than the other two of the same denomination in this township. A society formerly existed, which worshiped in a brick church some distance south of the present edifice, and when the building became old and dilapidated, it was pronounced unsafe, and the society divided, a fraction affiliating with the Methodist Church at West Mansfield, the remainder forming a new society. Rev. Joseph Avery Wright was the first minister. This was about 1870. A commodious frame structure was erected and dedicated by Rev. Alexander Harmount, then Presiding Elder of the district. The membership was small at first, but has increased to about thirty-five. A union Sabbath school has been held since the erection of the church. Spain Skidmore is the present Superintendent.

The York Township Free-Will Baptist Church was organized at the house of George Coons, June 29, 1839. The discourse was delivered by Elder David Dudley, and thirteen persons presented themselves, and entered into a church covenant. They were George Coons, Aaron Shirk, Thomas S. Coons, Jacob Bollenbaugh, Levin Wright, Keziah Coons, Rosanna Shirk, Rebecca Coons, Sarah Bollenbaugh, Letitia Wright, Elizabeth Sowthers, Sophrona Scudder and Nancy Thornton. The early meetings were held at the house of George Coons. Thomas S. Coons was appointed clerk. Elder David Dudley was the first pastor. He preached once a month and received $30 per year for his services. He closed his labors with the church in January, 1850, after a pastorate of nearly eleven years. In October, 1849, the congregation, in order to meet the salary of their pastor and pay the expenses of the church, unanimously agreed that each able-bodied brother should pay $1 per year and each sister 50 cents, and in addition each member should pay one-eighth per cent of the value of all his property, above his liabilities. In April, 1850, Kindall Higgins was elected pastor at $25 salary per annum. He removed to the West in the spring of 1856, having remained in charge of the congregation up to that time. Under his charge, the first meeting house was built. It stood in the northern part of the township in Survey 5,289, and on a lot donated to the church by James G. Paxton and others, residents of Virginia, under deed dated May 27, 1851. A building committee had been appointed March 29, 1851. The dedication sermon was delivered on the second Saturday of February, 1853, by Elder O. E. Baker, from Kings lviii, 8. In July, 1856, Elder Collier was elected pastor at a salary of $50. December 12, 1857, G. W. Baker was elected to the pastorate. Two years later, Elder William Cook became the minister and remained in charge three years. He was succeeded in 1862 by Elder J. L. Collier. About 1865, Elder B. F. Zell entered into a pastoral relation with the church that continued for almost fourteen years.

In 1873, the congregation erected a new house of worship at an expense of $1,053. It stands some distance east of the old church on a lot donated to the church by Levin Wright. It is a neat and comfortable frame structure. J. H. Baldwin succeeded Elder Zell in 1879, and remained with the church one year. Elder Leander Johnson then served the congregation a year and was followed by Elder J. B. Lash, who preached for eighteen months. Elder Kindall Higgins, in October, 1882, was elected pastor and now supplies the church. The membership is forty. David L. Tusing is the present clerk. A Sabbath school was organized many years ago and is held throughout the entire year.

The first Presbyterian Church of York Township is located near the northeastern corner of the township in the Joseph Miller Survey. The first preaching in the vicinity was by Rev. William D. Smith, then of Marysville, Ohio, in the Marion Presbytery. The congregation was organized at the house of Beriah P. Wilkins, November 9, 1839, by Revs. William D. Smith and William M. Galbreath, the latter of Milford Center. The following were then and there received on certificate: Andrew McNeil, Mary McNeil, Dennis Mears, Lucy Ann Mears, Mrs. Amanda Wilkins, Adelaine Gould, Miriam Lister, Martha Raymond, Ambrose C. and Mary Jane Raymond, Hannah Cahill, Jane Graham, and John and Catherine Keanor, Jemima Miller was received on examination. The same day, Andrew McNeil and Dennis Mears were elected Ruling Elders. Rev. W. D. Smith became the stated supply and preached about every seventh Sabbath and about as often on week days until the spring of 1841. For a year the congregation was then without a regular supply, though there was occasional preaching. Rev. Cephas D. Cook supplied the church for two years from April, 1842–44. During the summer of 1845, Rev. James Robinson, then in his seventy-seventh year, spent alterate Sabbaths with the church. In 1846, he resumed charge, preaching every fourth Sabbath for six months. In November, in that year, Rev. James Campbell visited the church, and on invitation preached for the congregation one year. In the spring of 1848, Rev. James A. Sterrett was appointed supply and served till the autumn of 1849. Rev. James Smith, of Marysville, then devoted a portion of his time to the church till the spring of 1855. Rev. Henry Hess preached alternate Sabbaths for a year, beginning April, 1856. The church was then occasionally served by Rev. John W. Drake and others for a year, and in May, 1858, Rev. Evan Evans became stated supply, serving until September, 1860. Rev. Henry Vandeman was stated supply from April, 1861, to April, 1865; Rev. Alexander S. Thorne, from April, 1865, to October, 1869; Henry Shedd, from May, 1870, to the spring of 1873, preaching each alternate Sabbath in summer and occasionally in winter. John W. Thompson preached during the summer of 1873. Nearly every Sabbath during the following winter the pulpit was vacant. In the summer of 1874, Rev. Henry Shedd returned. In April, 1875, Rev. Charles S. Wood commenced his labors in this church in connection with the Richwood Presbyterian Church, and served until January, 1876. In November of that year, Rev. Charles W. Torrey began a pastorate which continued three years, devoting one-half his time to this church. Rev. William G. Marsh is the present pastor. The first meetings were held chiefly at the dwelling houses of Joseph Miller, Beriah Wilkins and James McCrea, but after a few years the services were transferred to the Miller Schoolhouse and conducted there until the first church edifice was erected in 1855. It was a frame building, 28x40, built on a lot of ground donated to the church by Beriah Wilkins and was dedicated in February, 1855, by Rev. James Smith, assisted by Rev. James A. Sterrett. This house of worship remained in use until the fall of 1882. During the summer of 1882, a tasty, well-finished and handsome frame church was erected on the same lot where the old church building stood. It is 32x48 feet in size, and was constructed at a cost of about $2,300. The principal contributors to the erection of this house of worship were Andrew McNeil, William T. Fulton, John Sterling, William McGinnis, Sylvanus Taylor, Isaac Cahill, Benton Cahill, Anthony Middlesworth, Uriah Cahill, and Benjamin Thomas. It was dedicated November 5, 1882, by Dr. Taylor, of Wooster University, from first Kings, vi, 7.

Andrew McNeil and Dennis Mears remained the only Ruling Elders until 1851, when John E. Cahill was added to the number. January 5, 1857, Richard McEldery and Charles E. Wilkins were elected additional Elders. In 1865, Dennis Mears removed to Illinois, and Richard McEldery to Allen County, Ohio, but their places in the session were not filled. In 1874, the congregation fixed the term of service of Elders at three years. It had previously been for life or until removal for cause. In 1844, Uriah Cahill was elected and re-elected in 1877 and 1880. Charles Wilkins and Andrew McNeil have also been re-elected and are also members of the session. The latter has served as Elder since the organization of the church, an uninterrupted term of over fifty-three years. In 1879, William McElroy was elected as Elder.

The congregation has a substantial membership of about forty, and is in all respects a flourishing society. Its membership was greatest about 1864. Since that time there has been a considerable emigration from the church to the West. During the summers, a Sabbath school has been regularly maintained since the organization of the church.

Mt. Pleasant United Brethren Church is situated about a mile south of York Center. The society was organized about 1850, through the efforts of Rev. Frederick Hendricks. Its early membership was drawn largely from the Methodist society at York Center. The first meetings of the newly formed class were held in Henry Tobey's blacksmith shop and in the neighboring schoolhouse, but within a short time a hewed log house was built, finished in primitive style with plank seats, most of them without backs. Henry Tobey, David Davis, Amon Davis, George Davis, Sr., and their families, William Tobey, William Henson and family were early members. The old church stood on the land of William Murphy, and was used only ten or twelve years, when the present handsome frame edifice was erected on land donated by Casper Stalder, through the efforts and contributions of William Henson, Judson

Storms, Amon Davis, David Davis and the citizens residing in the vicinity. The membership now includes about seventy souls. Summersville Circuit, to which this church belongs, comprises, besides it, Mt. Zion, Darby and West Mansfield Churches. David Davis, one of the first members, was a local preacher and served on this circuit for several years.

The United Brethren Church at Summersville was organized about 1850 in the Hyde Schoolhouse. A building was commenced here, but Summersville, upon reconsideration, was deemed a better site and the building was removed and completed there. It is a frame and is still in use and has recently been refitted and repaired. The society was once strong. Among the earlier members were Moses Horn and wife, George Davis and wife, James Meadles and wife, Ephraim Yarington, wife and sons and the Keeners. Owing to removals of members from the township and deaths, the membership has been greatly reduced, and is now quite small.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

P. C. ADAMS, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Fayette County, Ohio, September 17, 1824, and is a son of Charles and Mary (Cline) Adams, the former a native of Delaware, of English descent, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent. The father was a farmer and stock dealer, and for fourteen years made a business of driving cattle from Fayette County to the markets at Cincinnati. Our subject was reared on a farm and received such advantages of education as were at hand for farm boys at an early day. He has been a life-long farmer and has met with success in all of his farm operations. He has resided in York Township since 1862, at which time he came, with his family, as a paroled prisoner. He enlisted in the Ninetieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was taken prisoner and paroled in Kentucky in 1862. He afterward enlisted in the Eighth Indiana Volunteers, and was detailed Commissary Sergeant and wounded in 1864 while guarding a railroad train. He is a stanch Republican in politics, but, being a quiet, unobtrusive man, has never aspired to official position and has had no such honors bestowed on him by his party. He is a representative man of his township, the owner of 168 acres of well-cultivated land and has made his possessions by his own personal efforts. He was married, in 1853, to Lenora Green, a native of Logan County, Ohio, and a daughter of Rev. Thomas Green. By this union eight children were born, six surviving, viz.: Indiana, wife of Washington Patree; Nancy, wife of William Johnson; Lydia A., wife of Richard Harris; Maria Ellen, wife of H. Henson; Armetha M., wife of C. Bennett; and Charles W.

JOSEPH T. ATHA, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield. Thomas Atha, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Maryland, in 1786, and with his parents, removed to Loudoun County, Virginia, where he married, probably in the year 1804, Miss Abigail Miller, by whom he had fourteen children, eight of whom are now living, viz.: John, William, Sarah, Elizabeth, Joseph T., Nancy A., Simeon L. and Thomas. In 1810, he emigrated to Champaign County, Ohio, where he remained but a few months. In the spring of 1811, he moved to Logan County and settled in the woods in Monroe Township. During the war of 1812, he enlisted in the service as Drum-Major, for three months, and for his services, from the Government, received a grant of land in Illinois. A short time after he had settled in Logan County, Mrs. Atha, who still resides there, one day had occasion to gather some ginseng, the root of which was then in demand for medicinal purposes; she was accompanied by two faithful curs, who on their way encountered a wolf, and after a long struggle, with her assistance, they succeeded in destroying the beast. The Government, at that time, paid a reward of $10 for every wolf scalp that was brought to Urbana, where she forthwith took the scalp and received her reward. With the many privations of life which they encountered, by faithful adherence to business and to habits of industry, they succeeded in making for themselves and family a comfortable home. Mr. Atha died in October, 1870; his widow still survives him, now in her ninety-sixth year, and though old, she has retained her reason and memory uncommonly well for one of her age. Our subject was born in Logan County, Ohio, January 23, 1827, and received a good common school education. When twenty years of age, he came to Union County and began school teaching, in which he continued, alternately, for perhaps thirteen years. For his first teaching he received $10 per month, which was considered very good wages, but during the latter part of his teaching he received as high as $25 per month; "and at these prices made and saved enough money to make the first payment on his land." On May 8, 1850, he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy A. Skidmore, who was born February 8, 1832, in Logan County. She was a daughter of Joshua and Hope Skidmore, who were early settlers in Logan County. To them have been born eight children—Sarah E., David P., Henry C., Mary F., Hope A., Charity D., Orinda J. and Rachel, the latter two of whom are deceased; he is also rearing as his own his grandchild, Ida M. Wilgus, daughter of Lorenzo D. and Orinda J. Wilgus, the latter being the eldest daughter of our subject, and having been wedded to her husband but eleven months, died. In 1856, Mr. Atha settled in the southwestern portion of York Township, Union County, where he now resides. Mr. and Mrs. Atha, with their four oldest children, are members of the M. E. Church. He has served as School Director many years, and is the owner of eighty-two acres of land.

AMOS W. BALLINGER, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield. Thomas Ballenger, deceased, father of our subject, was born February 18, 1826, in Logan County, Ohio, he was a son of Caleb Ballinger, deceased, and Rebecca Ballinger, his mother at present residing with Mr. Isaac Dalley, of this township. For his first wife, in Logan County, he married Mary A. Harvey; nine of their children are now living—Alonzo H., Eliza J., Caleb E., Rebecca E., Hannah W., William B., Alice L., Amos W. and George M. After her decease in December, 1862, he married Christena Bechtel, who was born January 16, 1843, in Fairfield County, Ohio; her parents were Andrew and Magdalena Bechtel. By her he had four children, two of whom are still living—Andrew S. and John E. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and died March 25, 1878. He left 111 acres of land to his widow who survives him and resides in the western portion of York Township. Our subject was born in Union County, Ohio, August 8, 1857. On September 16, 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Winner who was born in February, 1857; she was a daughter of John and Margaret Winner—both deceased—of Logan County. To them has been born one child, viz., Mary M., born May 7, 1878. Mr. Ballinger is a member of the M. E. Church, a Republican, and the owner of seventy acres of land.

JONATHAN BEARD, farmer, P. O. York. Our subject was born in Delaware (now Morrow) County, Ohio, October 2, 1820; he is a son of Victor and Mary A. Beard, natives of New York State, who were married in Delaware County, Ohio, and were the parents of five children, two of whom are now living, viz.: Jonathan and Joseph. About the year 1854, they came to Union County, where they remained until their decease, the former in September, 1855, and the latter in June, 1876. Jonathan, on July 30, 1846, was married to Miss Polly Stevens, who was born June 28, 1830; she was a daughter of Elijah and Phœbe Stevens, of Knox County, Ohio. To them have been born eight children—Cordelia, Elizabeth A., Mary E., James J. N., Philander W., Clara B., Jonathan C. and one deceased. In 1848, he came to Leesburg Township, Union County, and after living in different portions of Union County, he finally, in the autumn of 1881, settled in York Township, where he now resides. Mr. Beard is a member of the M. E. Church, and the owner of over eighty acres of land.

LEVI H. BECHTEL, farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch was born December 23, 1842, in Fairfield County, Ohio; his parents are David Bechtel (deceased) and Matilda Bechtel. When five years of age his father died, and a short time after, with his mother, he moved to Delaware County, where he remained until the spring of 1875, when he came to Union County. On October 8, 1865, he married Miss Nancy J. Mills, who was born October, 1842, and was daughter of the late Rev. Pierson Mills, of Delaware County. By this union there has been an issue of three children—Charles W., born March 2, 1876; Rosa B., born August 2, 1877, and Frank C., born July 13, 1878. Mr. Bechtel was one of the incorporators of the Union County Farmers' Insurance Company, and at present is one of the Directors. He is also serving as trustee of York Township, and is connected with the Richwood Importing Company. He is a Democrat, the owner of ninety-seven acres of land and resides in the northern portion of York Township.

L. W. BOLENBAUGH, farmer, P. O. York. The subject of this sketch was born in Union County, Ohio, December 18, 1836; he is a son of Jacob Bolenbaugh (deceased) and Sarah Bolenbaugh, natives of Pennsylvania, who with their parents come to Ohio when quite young. They were married in Fairfield County, Ohio, March 20, 1830. In 1834, they came to Union County and settled in York Township, where our subject now resides. In August, 1878, Jacob departed this life, respected by all who knew him; his widow survives him and resides at the home of our subject. They were the parents of three children—Lewis F., David D. and L. W. Our subject was reared on a farm and received but a limited education. On October 1, 1860, he was united in marriage to Miss Alvira Harris, who was born July 6, 1840, and was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Harris. To them have been born five children—David C., Howard (deceased), Ida, Otis G. and Maud. In March, 1865, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Ninety-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was employed principally in doing garrison duty. He received an honorable discharge in September, 1865. Mr. Bolenbaugh is one of the incorporators of the Union County Farmers' Insurance Company, and is the owner of 118 acres of land in a high state af cultivation.

URIAH CAHILL, farmer, P. O. York, was born in Claibourne Township, on the Cahill homestead, in this county, December 29, 1841. In 1839, his parents, John E. and Hannah Cahill, came to Union County, and settled near Fulton Creek, in Claibourne Township. Uriah, in his youth devoted his time principally to farming, and obtaining a good English education. In September, 1862, he enlisted in the Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Third Division, Fourteenth Corps, Army of the Cumberland, and participated in nearly all the battles in which Gen. Thomas' command was engaged; also the Atlanta campaign, and in Sherman's grand march to the sea. He remained with Sherman's army until the close of the war, and was honorably discharged in July, 1865, at Camp Chase, Ohio. On March 3, 1864, while home on veteran furlough, he married Isabel Worbs, a daughter of Laban H. and Martha J. Worbs, of Union County, and a sister of Mrs. Lemuel Cahill. To them have been born two children—James C. and Isaac J. In August, 1868, he settled in the southern portion of York Township, of which he has served as Trustee several years. In the fall of 1881, he was elected for three years a County Commissioner, the duties of which office he is performing with credit to himself and the county. In June, 1881, he was elected the first President of the Union County Farmers' Insurance Company, and in June, 1882, was re-elected to the same office. He is a member of the F. & A. M. society, and of the Presbyterian Church at York Center, and the owner of a fine farm of 220 acres.

LEMUEL CAHILL, farmer, P. O. York, was born in Claibourne Township, on the Cahill homestead, about four miles west of Richwood, January 12, 1847. His parents were John E. and Hannah Cahill, of whom we have made mention in another portion of this work. After receiving a rudimentary education, he attended, for nine months, a high school at Marysville, and during the latter portion of 1867, and beginning of 1868, he attended, for six months, the Ohio Business College at Delaware, from which institution he received a diploma.. On May 23, 1870, he married Miss Mary F. Worbs, daughter of Laban H. and Martha J. Worbs. They had two children—Cora B., born November 25, 1871, died July 8, 1872, and John H., born March 25, 1873. In 1871, Mr. Cahill settled in the southern portion of York Township, near where he now resides. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, and the owner of 241 acres of tillable land.

GEORGE W. COONS, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Union County, Ohio, July 29, 1840. His parents were Thomas S. Coons and Rebecca Coons, the latter now deceased. In December, 1861, he enlisted in the Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was attached to the Army of West Virginia. He participated in the battles of Cedar Mountain, Cross Keys, Sulphur Springs, and the second battle of Bull Run, where he received a wound in the left leg, which terminated in a thigh amputation. On the battle-field he was taken prisoner by the confederates, and left eight days without food. He, however, finally was properly exchanged, and was honorably discharged from the service on November 25, 1862. On January 25, 1872, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Elliott, who was born January 26, 1849, in Portage County, Ohio; she is a daughter of Wilkinson and Sarah Elliott. To them have been born four children, three of whom are now living—Orville F., Orland T., an infant and one deceased. Mr. Coons has served as Assessor of York Township; has been successful in business, and is the owner of a fine farm of 158 acres of land. He resides in the northern portion of York Township.

STERLING F. COONS, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Union County, Ohio, September 6, 1847; is a son of Thomas S. and Rebecca (deceased) Coons. From his youth, he has devoted his attention principally to agricultural pursuits. On July 25, 1870, he married Miss Hope Haines, who was born June 9, 1852, in Union County, Ohio. She is a daughter of Jonathan and Mary (deceased) Haines. For ten years subsequent to his marriage, he resided near Rush Creek, in Washington Township, but in the spring of 1880 he located on the homestead farm in the northern portion of York Township. Politically, he is a Republican, and he is the owner of 150 acres of land in a good state of cultivation.

N. H. COONS, farmer, P. O. York, was born in Licking County, Ohio, April 18, 1825, and is a son of George and Keziah Coons, who settled in York Township in 1830. His father filled several important offices in the township and died in 1856, respected by all who knew him. On May 15, 1852, he married Miss Fidelia Phelps, who was born in 1831; her father was a Baptist minister and a very active member of society. They have had eight children, of whom four are now living—Cynthia A., Jason, James and Mary I. Mr. Coons resides on his farm in the northern portion of York Township.

JOHN M. CURL, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield. The subject of this sketch was born November 18, 1828, in Logan County, Ohio. His parents were James R. Curl (deceased) and Louisa Curl, both natives of Virginia. He was reared to man's estate on a farm and received the rudiments of an English education in a district school. On March 13, 1856, he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline M. Munsell, who was born December 15, 1836, in Lorain County, Ohio; she was a daughter of Alvin and Mary Munsell. To them have been born eight children, viz.: Louisa, born April 26, 1857; James N., born November 30, 1858; Emily E., born June 2, 1861, died December 5, 1862; Clement L., born January 1, 1864; Robert P., born August 8, 1866; Nellie C., born August 20, 1868; Huldah E., born September 15, 1871; and Charlie, born March 4, 1877. Mr. Curl resides in the western portion of York Township and is the owner of seventy-two acres of land.

JEREMIAH M. DANFORTH, farmer, P. O. Raymond. The subject of this sketch was born June 18, 1825, in Licking County, Ohio; he is a son of David and Anne Danforth, who emigrated from Vermont to Licking County, Ohio, in 1817. They remained in Licking County until 1837, in which year they came to Union County. They were the parents of seven children three of whom are now living, viz.: Bliss, Julia, and Jeremiah M. Our subject has from his youth been engaged in the pursuits of agriculture, and he received but a rudementary education.

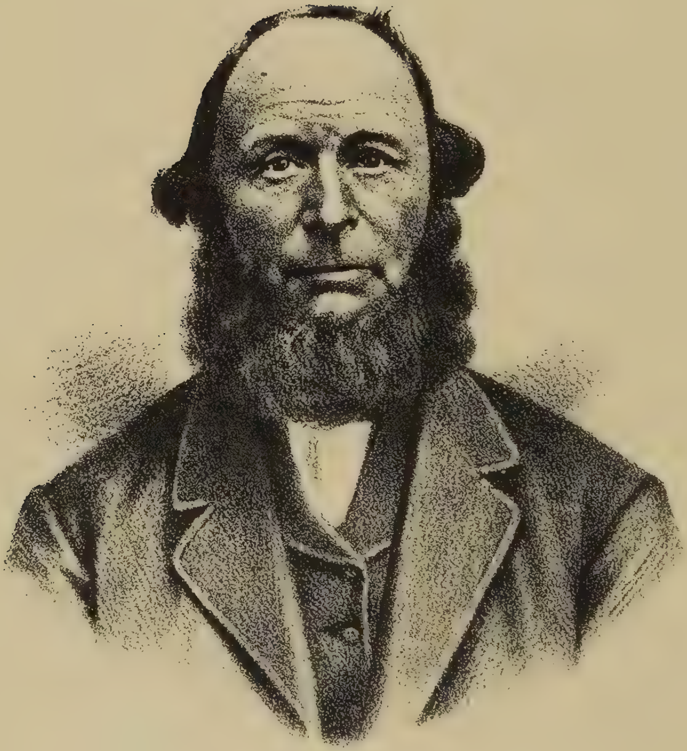
On October 14, 1847, he was united in marriage with Miss Polly A. Smith, who was born March 24, 1823; she was a daughter of Charles and Sarah Smith, of whom we have made mention in this work. To them were born four children, viz.: Thomas C., born September 14, 1848; Eliza J., born May 22, 1851; Sarah A., born February 27, 1855; and David S., born January 24, 1861. Mr. Danforth for more than one-third of a century enjoyed with his faithful wife the pleasures of married life, when on December 26, 1881, death called her away; she left behind her a wealth of love and affection, and will not soon be forgotten by the loved ones who mourn their irretrievable loss. For several years Mr. Danforth served as Justice of the Peace in Taylor Township. He is a member of F. & A. M. lodge and the owner of 72½ acres of land. He resides in the southern portion of York Township. He had two brothers, who participated in the war of the late rebellion; his father, David, was a soldier of the war of 1812, and his grandfather, Peter Danforth, was a valiant soldier of the Revolutionary war.

JAMES M. DARLING, Notary Public and insurance agent, P. O. Bokes Creek. The subject of this sketch was born in Windsor County, Vt., April 25, 1817, and in September, 1836, with the Stoddard family, he left Vermont for Ohio. Their journey was long and tedious, traveling by stage, by the Erie Canal and by Lake Erie. After many disappointments and having endured many privations, they finally, over muddy roads and through inclement weather, by way of Columbus, arrived at Woodstock, Champaign County, which was their destination. For perhaps ten years he resided in Woodstock, the first three years of which during the summer months he worked on a farm and in the winter taught school. For the following seven years he engaged in the boot and shoe making, having learned the trade with his father when a young man. In 1840, he married Jane Harvey, daughter of Erastus Harvey (a Baptist preacher), and Ann Harvey, both of whom are deceased. To them were born three children, viz.: Charles W., John R., and Elizabeth. Mrs. Darling died June 3, 1845, and in February, 1849, he married Mary A. Shirk, by whom he had three children, viz.: David O., Alice M. and Joseph M. His second wife died April 23, 1865, and on November 12, 1865, he married for his third wife Amy Warford, widow of the late Joseph Warford. In 1846, he left Woodstock for Middletown, where he followed his trade for five years and from there he moved to a farm in Paint Township, Madison County, where he remained until he came to Union County. He first located in Liberty Township, but in October, 1865, he came to Summersville, York Township, where he now resides, and is engaged in the boot and shoe business. In January, 1869, he was appointed Postmaster, and is still serving as such; for many years he has been a Notary Public and Commissioner of Deeds. Mr. Darling takes considerable interest in literary matters, one of his productions being a brief but valuable history of York Township published in 1876. He is a member of the Christian Church.

ELZA H. DAVIS (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born December 9, 1816, in Pennsylvania. His parents were David and Elizabeth Davis. When a young man, he came to Ohio, and in October, 1846, in Marion County, he was joined in matrimony to Miss Mary E. Walker, who was born October 16, 1829. She was a daughter of James and Elizabeth Walker, natives of Delaware, who came to Pickaway and subsequently to Marion County at quite an early day. By this union there has been an issue of seven children, three of whom are now living, viz.: Elza C., James E. and George D. Shortly after the date of his marriage he came to Union County, and settled in the northeastern portion of York Township, where he remained until his decease. He was an affectionate husband and father, and esteemed by all who knew him. In his death Union County lost one of her most energetic and best citizens. He left to his widow, who still resides where he settled, 285 acres of land.

DAVID B. DAVIS, farmer, P. O. York. George Davis, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Pennsylvania, August 23, 1816, and in 1821, with his parents, David and Keziah Davis, he came to Harrison County, Ohio, where they remained until 1833, in which year they came to Union County and settled in York Township. He married in Union County Miss Nancy Hyde, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Hyde (deceased). Two of their children are now living, viz.: David B. and Mary E. He is a member of the M. E. Church and the owner of 170 acres of land, ~~and~~ resides at York Center. Our subject was born in Union County, Ohio, September 24, 1834. On January 9, 1858, he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Miller, who was born in September, 1837, in Union County. In the spring of 1867, he settled in the southern portion of York Township, where he now resides, and where he owns 150 acres of land.

AMON DAVIS, farmer, P. O. York. The subject of this sketch was born in Washington County, Penn., July 23, 1819, and when two years of age, with his parents, David and Keziah Davis, he came to Harrison County, Ohio. In 1833, with them, he came to Union County, where they remained until their decease; the former in June, 1878, and the latter in December of the same year. Of a family of ten children, eight are now living, viz.: George, Eliza, Amon, David, Washington, Susan, Finley D. and Thomas. On January 18, 1844, our subject was united in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Roxana Storms, daughter of Gregory and Melinda Storms. To them were born two children—Melinda and Oliver B. She died in October, 1876, and he subsequently married Mrs. Roxana Brooks, ~~widow of~~ the late James Brooks. Mr. Davis has served as Trustee of York Township and is a member of the United Brethern Church. He is the owner of 160 acres of land.



W. M. Skidmore

OLIVER B. DAVIS, farmer, P. O. York, was born in Union County, Ohio, December 22, 1847. His parents are Amon and Roxana (deceased) Davis, whose biography appears in this work. In his youth he received but a rudimentary education. In December, 1871, he married Miss Rebecca VanVorhiss, daughter of Peter and Matilda VanVorhiss, of Logan County, Ohio. This union has been blessed with two children, of whom one is now living, viz.: Oral F., born July 29, 1881. Mr. Davis, as an agriculturist, has been quite successful, having plenty of energy and industrious habits, traits which characterize the Davis family. He has a fine farm of 175 acres, on which he has built a commodious residence.

GEORGE H. DILSAVER (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, April 20, 1812. His parents were George and Elizabeth Dilsaver, both natives of Virginia. When a boy, with his parents, he moved to Delaware County, where he married in October, 1835, Miss Rachel Deeker, who was born in March, 1813; she was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Deeker, who were natives of Virginia. To them were born five children, three of whom are now living, viz.: George T., Joseph and Austin. After his marriage he settled in Delaware County, where he remained until his decease, October 7, 1844. His widow continued to reside in Delaware County until November, 1874, when she, with her son Joseph, came to Union County and settled in the northern part of York Township, where they now reside and where they have a farm of 145 acres.

FRANCIS M. DRAKE (deceased). Chordy Drake, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in North Carolina, and came to Warren County, Ohio, at an early day. In Logan County he married Miss Sarah James, by whom he had eight children, of whom four are yet living. About the year 1834, he settled in York Township, Union County, near the boundary line of Logan County, where he remained until a short time prior to his decease. After spending a life of usefulness, respected by all who knew him, he quietly passed away in June, 1878, at the home Thomas Skidmore, in York Township. His faithful consort survived him but a short time, she having departed this life in July, 1880. The subject of this sketch was born August 14, 1828, in Warren County, Ohio, and when four years of age, with his parents, came to Logan County and located near East Liberty, where they, however, remained but a short time, when they settled in Union County, as aforementioned. On February 28, 1850, he married Miss Mary Harriman, who was born July 20, 1831, in Logan County, Ohio; she was a daughter of Simpkin and Sarah Harriman, her father a native of Virginia, and her mother a native of Pennsylvania; they came to Logan County, Ohio, in quite an early day. This union has been blessed with three children, of whom two are now living—Chordy L. and John T. Shortly after their marriage, they settled in the western portion of York Township, on the farm where the widow still resides. He had served as Trustee of York Township, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On May 15, 1880, he departed this life, respected by all who knew him. John T. Drake, one of the sons of our subject, was born October 1, 1853, in Union County, Ohio, and is at present residing on the homestead farm. On December 25, 1875, he married Miss Mary M. Henry, who was born in Logan County, July 30, 1858; she is a daughter of George W. and Margaret (deceased) Henry. They have two children—Maggie M. and Perry R. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Chordy L. Drake, also a son of our subject, was born March 1, 1851, in Union County, Ohio, and received in his youth a good common school education. When eighteen years of age, he began teaching school, which he followed alternately for perhaps ten years. On March 13, 1875, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Dally, daughter of Isaac and Louisa (deceased) Dally. To them has been born one child–Avis E., born April 22, 1880. Mr. Drake has been Superintendent of the Bethel Sunday School in York Township, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also his wife. Politically, he is a Republican, and he is the owner of ninety-three acres of land. Isaac Dally, father of Mrs. Drake, was born April 19, 1829, in Richland County, Ohio, and is a son of John and Mary A. Dally. In September, 1851, he married Louisa Hupp, by whom he had two children—Sarah A. and John W. (deceased); she died in June, 1858, and in June, 1860, he was married to Mary E. Ballinger, daughter of Caleb and Hannah Ballenger. By this Union there has been an issue of six children—Mary L., Zoah M., Zell B., Rebecca M., Ivory E. and Ivy E. In 1860, Mr. Dally came to York Township, Union County; he is the owner of about 387 acres of land, and resides in the northwestern portion of York Township.

JONAS FIGLEY, farmer and blacksmith, P. O. York. The subject of this sketch was born in Washington County, Penn., February 18, 1814; his parents were Jonas and Elizabeth Figley. When a young man he learned the trade of blacksmithing, which he followed for forty years. In 1834, he came to Jefferson County, Ohio, where he remained one year and then moved to Carroll County, where he followed his trade eleven years. He was married, October 30, 1834, to Miss Mary Middleswarth, by whom he had ten children, seven of whom are now living, viz.: Margaret M., Emily S., Mary M., Elizabeth M., Rebecca A., Calvin M. and Sarah M. About the year 1846, he came to Union County and settled in York Township, where he now resides. In connection with his farming, he also, until the year 1874, followed his trade. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the owner of 115 acres of land, and resides in the northern portion of the township.

STEPHEN FLICKINGER (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born May 4, 1823, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio; his parents were John and Margaret Flickinger, natives of Pennsylvania, who settled in Tuscarawas County at an early day. He spent his youth on a farm, and received an ordinary district school education. On August 7, 1845, in Tuscarawas County, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret A. Figley, who was born December 23, 1825, in Tuscarawas County, and is a daughter of Jacob and Anne Figley, her father a native of Pennsylvania, and her mother of Maryland. By this union there was an issue of eight children, viz.: William E., Jacob M., Eliza J., Margaret O., John W., Mary E., Samuel H. and Joseph F., the latter two of whom are deceased. In October, 1854, with his family, he came to Union County and settled in the northern portion of York Township. He died January 22, 1869, leaving to his widow a farm of 153 acres. He was an exemplary man in life, modest in manner, charitable in all things and highly esteemed throughout the community. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, taking an active interest in his church duties and leading a true Christain life.

WILLIAM T. FULTON, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek. The subject of this sketch was born October 22, 1818, in Maryland; in 1836, with his parents, David and Ann M. Fulton, he emigrated to Union County, Ohio, settling in York Towhship, where they remained until their decease. He was from his early youth reared on a farm, and received but a limited education. In January, 1859, he married Miss Harriett A. Neil, daughter of Solomon and Ann H. Neil, of Marysville, this county. This union has been blessed with five children, viz.: Ulysses G., Mary N., William, Jennie H. and Joseph H. (the latter two of whom are deceased). Mr. Fulton has for six years served as a Commissioner of Union County, and also as Trustee and Clerk of York Township. He is of a social, entertaining disposition and quite popular, and the owner of 304 acres of land. He resides in the southeastern portion of York Township.

JOHN M. GUNDER, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek. The parents of the subject of this sketch, Abraham and Magdalena Gunder, emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1834. They first came to Marion County, then to Crawford County, residing several years in each, and finally they moved to Wyandot County, where they remained until her decease in 1868. He died in Union County in July, 1878. They were the parents of nine children, of whom six are now living, viz.: Jonathan, John M., James M., Daniel H., Nancy J. and Julia. Our subject was born in Pennsylvania October 18, 1833, and when one year old, with his parents he was brought to Ohio. He was reared to man's estate on a farm, and received the rudiments of education in a district school. On February 10, 1859, in Wyandot County, he married Phœbe A. Brooks, who was born November 26, 1840; she is a daughter of Joseph S. and Phœbe Brooks, of Wyandot County. To them have been born nine children—Charles E. D., Pinkney B., John B., Zeddie U., Harry O., Madison H., Frances A., Zeffie U. and an infant son not yet named. Frances A. and Zeffie U. are deceased. In the spring of 1875, with his family, he came to Union County and settled in York Township. After his marriage, according to his own statement, "he had not one dollar with which to begin housekeeping," but by economy, perseverance and hard work he has been by degrees increasing his scanty store until to-day he is the owner of an estate of nearly 300 acres. He is a self-made man in the true sense of the word. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the I. O. O. F. society. He resides in the southern portion of York Township.

THOMAS C. HAMILTON, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek. The subject of this sketch was born in Claibourne Township, Union County, July 18, 1849, and when a mere child, with his parents, Cornelius and Louisa Hamilton, both now deceased, he moved to Marysville, where he remained until he reached the years of manhood. On February 27, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Vance, daughter of John and Phœba Vance, of Union County. To them have been born two children, viz.: Cornelius, born February 2, 1873, and Centennial, born July 19, 1876. In January, 1871, Mr. Hamilton settled in the southern portion of York Township, where he now resides. He is the owner of 109 acres of land in a good state of cultivation, and one of York Township's energetic farmers.

VIRGIL HARRIS, farmer, P. O. York. Jacob Harris, father of the subject of this sketch, was born Octobor 26, 1810, in Knox County, Ohio, and was a son of Joseph and Rachel Harris, both natives of Virginia, who settled in Knox County at an early day. On June 5, 1834, in Knox County, he married Elizabeth Stults, who was born January 23, 1806, in Licking County, Ohio; she is a daughter of Adam and Margaret Stults, early settlers of Licking County. To them have been born seven children—David J., Virgil, George W., Margaret, Alvira, Mary and Sarah. With his family in 1854, Mr. Harris came from Knox to Union County and settled in York Township where he now resides. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, and the owner of 135 acres of land. Our subject was born in Licking County, Ohio, October 23, 1842, and in 1854, with his parents, came to Union County, where, on April 15, 1882, he married Miss Emma Miller. Mr. Harris is a young man with good prospects of a successful future. He resides on his farm, which is pleasantly located near York Center.

AMOS P. HARVEY, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield. The subject of this sketch was born November 24, 1829, in New Hampshire, and about the year 1837, with his parents, Erastus and Betsy E. Harvey, he emigrated to Champaign County, Ohio. He remained in Champaign County until about twelve years of age, when, with his parents, he located for three years in Logan County. From Logan he went to Clark County, where, on September 20, 1855, he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret A. Tuttle, who was born in December, 1833, and was a daughter of John and Margaret Tuttle, of Clark County. This union has been blessed with ten children, viz.: John P., Lanson B., Harry C., Charles E., Willis T., Dennis M., Emma (deceased), Edward P., Howard and Ethel. In 1859, from Clark County, Mr. Harvey came to Union County and settled in the western portion of York Township, where he now resides. In February, 1865, enlisted in the One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and continued in the service until the following September. He has served as Justice of the Peace and Trustee of York Township. In the management of his farm he has everything done in the most orderly and advantageous manner. He is the owner of 375 acres of land, upon which is built a fine residence and other commodious buildings, making it one of the finest farms in Union County.

JOHN H. HOOVER, farmer, P. O. York. The subject of this sketch was born June 5, 1827, in Jefferson County, Ohio; his parents were Adam Hoover, a native of Maryland, and Rachel Hoover, who in 1851 or 1852, came from Harrison to Union County, Ohio. Of their family of ten children, five are now living, viz.: James, Charles, William M., Rachel A. and John H. They settled on Bokes Creek, in York Township, where they spent the remainder of their days. Our subject, when three years of age, with his parents, located in Harrison County, where he married Miss Catharine Hines, who was born August 31, 1826; she is a daughter of Christopher and Jane Hines. To them have been born one son—William H., born October 15, 1849, in Harrison County; he was married December 21, 1871, to Miss Lovella Shirk, who was born July 21, 1849; she is a daughter of Henson and Nancy J. Shirk, of Union County. About the year 1852, our subject came to Union County and settled in York Township, where he now resides. During the war of the late rebellion, he enlisted in the service for a few months. He has served as School Director, is a member of the M. E. Church, and the owner of fifty-seven acres of land.

JOHN HUFFMAN (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, August 24, 1830; he was a son of Benjamin and Mary Huffman, natives of Pennsylvania, and when fifteen years old, with them, he came to Knox County, Ohio, where his mother died, and where his father still resides. On September 10, 1853, in Knox County, he married Sarah J. Dally, daughter of John and Mary A. Dally, who died about one year after marriage. On September 18, 1860, he married Miss Almina Skidmore, who was born August 30, 1843, in Union County, Ohio; she is a daughter of Isaac and Sarah A. Skidmore, of York Township, whose sketch appears in this work. By this union there has been an issue of five children, viz.: Dora A., born November 2, 1865; Hamer I., born July 18, 1868; Bertis, born April 6, 1871; Eldon, born February 23, 1874; and Mary I., born April 31, 1879. In 1867, he settled in the southwestern portion of York Township, where his widow still resides. Mr. Huffman was a member of the Baptist Church, and left to his widow a fine farm of 164 acres. He was an indulgent father and an affectionate husband, and departed this life March 1, 1879.

JOHN B. HYDE, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek, a pioneer of York Township, was born March 4, 1815, in Harrison County, Ohio. His parents were Samuel and Elizabeth Hyde, natives of Pennsylvania. In the spring of the year 1832, his father came from Harrison County and bought a tract of land on Bokes Creek, in York Township, and after having cleared it and planted corn and vegetables, he returned to Harrison County for the purpose of bringing with him his family. On their way, in Delaware County, he was taken ill, and shortly after died. Our subject with the rest of the family, however, came and settled on the land, which his father bought. On December 23, 1837, he married Eliza Davis, who was born October 23, 1817, in Pennsylvania; she is a daughter of David and Keziah Davis, of whom we have made mention in another portion of this work. By this union there has been an issue of nine children, of whom six are now living, viz.: Keziah, Thomas B., Rebecca A., Mary M., William F. and Nancy. One of his sons George W. Hyde (deceased), enlisted in February, 1862, in the Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and participated in several prominent engagements, but owing to an illness, which he contracted by exposure, he was discharged in the fall of the same year from the service and returned home. He re-enlisted in February, 1864, and was killed at the battle of Resaca, Ga., on May 26, 1864. For two years, Mr. Hyde has served as Trustee of York Township, and for many years he has been a School Director. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church, and he is the owner of 130 acres of land.

NESBIT JANUARY, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield. The subject of this sketch was born in Greene County, Ohio, August 4, 1826. In 1829, with his parents, James and Catherine January, he came to Marysville, Union County, where, with them, he remained until eleven years of age. From Marysville he went to Logan County, where he remained until 1853, at which time he returned to Union County. On September 21, 1854, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Savage, who was born February 28, 1833, in Champaign County, Ohio; she is a daughter of Austin and Irena Savage. To them have been born thirteen children—Irena, Orson, James, Ira, Wickliffe, Mary, Otway, Reuben, Caroline, Huston, and three who are deceased. In 1853, Mr. January settled in the northwestern portion of York Township, where he now resides. He is a direct descendant of a Huguenot family, who with many others were persecuted in France, and came to America, where they gained their religious freedom. His father was a native of Kentucky, and his mother of Maryland; they were married in Greene

County, Ohio, January 22, 1822. By this union there was an issue of six children—Huston, Nesbit, Martha, Elizabeth, and two deceased. His father died in 1842, and his mother in 1854. Our subject has been successful in business, and is the owner of 196 acres of land.

JOSHUA KELLER, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield. The subject of this sketch was born December 4, 1825, in Union County, Ohio; his parents, were Frederick and Rachel Keller, who came to York Township, Union County, about the year 1820. He was reared to man's estate on a farm, and received but a rudimentary education. He resided with his parents until April 25, 1852, at which time he married Mary I. Ballinger, who was born in May, 1834, in Logan County; she was a daughter of Thomas and Patience Ballinger. To them have been born four children, three of whom are now living—Celestia F., Henry N. J., Zylpha G. and Rudy W. (deceased). Shortly after the date of his marriage, Mr. Keller settled in the southern portion of York Township, where he now resides. He has served as School Director, has been successful as an agriculturist, and is the owner of 163 acres of land.

LEVI LANE (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born August 30, 1811, in North Carolina, and, when a youth, with his parents, Benjamin and Mary Lane, he came to Logan County, Ohio. On December 10, 1832, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Skidmore, who was born April 21, 1811; she was a daughter of William and Mary Skidmore. By this union there was an issue of fourteen children, ten of whom are now living, viz.: Ruth J., Mary, William, Jasper, Lemuel, Thomas N., John M., Rachel E., Susan S. and Matilda A. He settled in Logan County and remained there until 1855, in which year he came to Union County and settled in the southern portion of York Township. He settled in the woods, comparatively speaking, and by his industry and perseverance succeeded in making for his family a comfortable home. He died August 31, 1862, respected by all who knew him. He was a kind and loving father and an indulgent husband. His widow survives him, and at present resides with her son William in York Township. William Lane, a son of our subject, was born May 17, 1838, in Logan County, Ohio, and on April 7, 1859, married Emma J. Munsell, who was born October 14, 1843, in Logan County; she is a daughter of Alvin and Mary T. Munsell. By this union there has been an issue of nine children—Cora L., Calvin W., William T., Benjamin F., Laura L., James W., Ara, Ovid D. and Zella O. He is a member of the Baptist Church and the owner of fifty-seven acres of land.

JOHN M. LANE, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield. The subject of this sketch was born in Logan County, Ohio, September 6, 1846; his parents are Levi Lane (deceased) and Mary Lane, of whom a biography appears in this work. He was reared to man's estate on a farm and received a common school education. On September 3, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Tobey, daughter of Charles and Mary J. Tobey, of Liberty Township, Union County. To them were born three children, viz., Omar, Estella and Elverta. Mr. Lane has been quite successful in business, and is the owner of forty acres of land in a good state of cultivation. He resides in the southern portion of York Township.

ABEL LINSLEY, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek, was born in Vermont March 31, 1816; his parents were Simeon and Utilla Linsley, who came to Delaware County, Ohio, at quite an early day. He was reared to manhood on a farm and received but a limited education. By his first wife, Nancy (Carr) Linsley, he had three children, two of whom are now living, viz., Alice and Henry N. He married his present wife, who was born in June, 1833, on August 17, 1873. Mr. Linsley is a life-long farmer by occupation, and resides on his farm near Summersville.

WILLIAM McGINNIS, farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, January 7, 1818, and is a son of Johnson and Margaret McGinnis, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Muskingum County, Ohio, about the year 1817, where they remained until 1854, in which year they came to York Township, Union County, where they spent the remainder of their days. They were the parents of nine children, of whom three are now living, viz., William, George and Nancy. Our subject was reared to man's estate on a farm and received but a rudimentary education. In September, 1840, in Muskingum County, he was united in marriage to Mary Hartford, by whom he had four children—Andrew N., Amelia, Albert O. and John (deceased). She died July 4, 1861, and he was again married in April, 1865, to Mary J. Sterling, daughter of David and Mary Sterling. By this union there has been an issue of four children—John S., Agnes G., James H. and David W., the latter two of whom are deceased. In 1865, he settled where he now resides, in the northern portion of York Township. He has been successful in business, and is the owner of 200 acres of land.

ROBERT McILROY, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek, was born in Washington County, Penn., August 27, 1809; his parents were John and Nancy McIlroy, with whom when six years of age he came to Harrison County, Ohio, where his mother died in 1832. Of a family of twelve children there are now but two living viz.: Robert and George. His father married for his second wife, Mrs. A. Murphy, who survived him, he having died in 1838. On August 17, 1830, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Dickinson, daughter of George and Anxious Dickinson. To them have been born seventeen children, eleven of whom are now living, viz.: John, Silas, David, Robert D., Samuel S., Thomas M., Eliza, Keziah and Theresa, Hester A. and Susan E. In 1833, with his wife and three children, he came to Union County, where after residing in different parts, he in the spring of 1877 settled in the southern portion of York

Township, where he now resides. He attended and voted at the first election held in York Township at the house of Aaron Shirk. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for many years has officiated as class leader, and is the owner of 153 acres of land.

ANDREW McNEIL, farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch was born in Chester County, Penn., March 23, 1811. His parents were Andrew and Margery McNeil. In November, 1838, he emigrated to Ohio, and came to Tuscarawas County, where he remained nearly one year. In September, 1839, he came to Union County and for several years located in Claibourne Township. In October, 1848, he was elected Auditor of Union County, and entered upon the duties of his office in March, 1849, serving until March, 1853. During the term of his Auditorship, he resided in Marysville, with his family. In 1853, he removed to Claibourne Township, where he resided until 1862, in which year he settled in the northeastern portion of York Township, where he now resides. For his first wife, he married in Pennsylvania, Mary Criswell, daughter of Isaac and Martha Criswell, by whom he had seven children, two now living, viz.: Samuel A. and Mariam R. She died in October, 1861, and he was married on June 16, 1862, to Mrs. Catherine N. Patterson, widow of the late John Patterson, of Adams County, Ohio; she was born July 5, 1812, in Saratoga County, N. Y. In October, 1857, Mr. McNeil was elected a Commissioner of Union County, and discharged the duties of that office with credit six years. He has also served as Trustee of Claibourne Township and as Clerk of York Township. He is Elder of the Presbyterian Church, and has a fine farm of 120 acres of land, under a high state of cultivation.

WILLIAM H. McPECK, retired farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch was born February 27, 1817, in Westmoreland County, Penn.; his parents were John and Sarah McPeck. In the spring of 1838, he emigrated to Harrison County, Ohio, and began the trade of brick-laying and stone-cutting, which he afterward followed for about forty years. On July 22, 1841, in Tuscarawas County, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Speck, who was born May 20, 1820, in Washington County, Penn.; her parents were William and Margaret Speck, who came to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, about the year 1834. To Mr. and Mrs. McPeck, have been born six children—George M., Margaret J., Isabel A., Stephen S., Sarah A. and Mary E. For ten years after his marriage Mr. McPeck resided in Harrison County, and from there he moved to Washington Township, Union County, where he remained until April, 1872, at which time he located in the northern portion of York Township, where he at present resides. He has served as Trustee of Washington Township, is a member of the F. & A. M. Lodge, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He owns 224 acres of land located in Washington Township.

JAMES F. MEDDLES (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born May 2, 1813, in Harrison County, Ohio. He was a son of John and Parmelia Meddles, with whom, when a young man, he moved to Tuscarawas County, where he married, on April 16, 1835, Miss Sarah Horn; she was born October 25, 1815, in Delaware, and was a daughter of Moses and Sarah Horn, who came to Harrison County, Ohio, about the year 1815. By this union there has been an issue of five children, viz.: Gary, Sarah, Rebecca J., John W. and Mary J., the latter two of whom are deceased. About the year 1850, Mr. Meddles, with his family, came to Union County, from Tuscarawas County, and settled in the eastern portion of York Township, where he died July 25, 1880, and where his widow now resides. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, and left to his family 142 acres of land. In his death, York Township lost one of her best citizens, and his family a loving parent and husband.

MILEY G. MEDDLES, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek. The subject of this sketch was born July 29, 1818, in Harrison County, Ohio. His parents were John and Parmelia Meddles, who emigrated from Pennsylvania to Harrison County, Ohio, about the year 1801. He was reared to manhood on a farm, and received the rudiments of an English education in a district school. On September 13, 1842, he was united in marriage with Miss Susan Yantiss, who was born January 2, 1816, in Maryland; she is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Yantiss, who emigrated from Frederick County, Md., to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, at an early day. To them have been born three children, viz.: Jacob C., James F. and Joseph J., all of whom are deceased. Mr. Meddles resided in Tuscarawas County until 1852, in which year he came to Union County, and settled in the eastern portion of York Township. He is the owner of 225 acres of land, which he has acquired mainly by his determination to succeed and by hard work. For several years his health has been on the decline. With his faithful wife, who has shared his joys and sorrows for forty years, he resides where he first settled.

ANTHONY MIDDLESWORTH, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born November 8, 1818, in Columbiana (now Carroll) County, Ohio. His parents were Abraham and Margaret Middlesworth, who emigrated from Virginia to what is now known as Carroll County, about the year 1815 or 1816. In his youth Mr. Middlesworth received but a meager education, the school advantages in his day being far more limited than to-day. In August, 1840, in Carroll County, he married Miss Jane Dennison; she was born in Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Dennison, who emigrated to Carroll County probably in the year 1835. To them have been born eight children—William, Elizabeth, Margaret, Andrew J., Joseph F., Robert B., Mary M. and Emily J., the latter two of whom are deceased. In 1845, with his family, he came to Union County, and settled in the northern portion of York Township, where he still resides. He has served as School Director many years; is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and the owner of 303½ acres of land.

JAMES C. MILLER (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born in Chenango County, N. Y., October 12, 1806. When twelve years of age, with his parents, Joseph and Jemima Miller, he emigrated to Franklin County, Ohio, where they remained several years, when they came to Union County, and settled in York Township. In October, 1828, in Franklin County, he was united in matrimony to Roxy Ann Wason; who was born May 22, 1806; she is a daughter of Thomas and Keziah Wason, who accompanied our subject's parents on their way to Ohio. In 1829, with his wife, he came to Union County and settled in the northeastern portion of York Township, where his widow now resides. To them were born seven children—Justice J., Eveline E., Jane K., Keziah J., Daniel D., Jonathan G., and Martha E., the latter four of whom are deceased. Mr. Miller was a member of the United Brethren Church, a kind and affectionate father, and loving husband, and departed this life in October, 1878. He left to his family 180 acres of land.

ROLIN H. MONTGOMERY, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Licking County, Ohio, March 31, 1846, and when about two years old, with his parents, Joseph Montgomery (deceased) and Emily Montgomery, he removed to Knox County, where his father died, February 28, 1880, and where his mother still resides. On February 16, 1869, he married Miss Sarah E. Headington, daughter of James and Ruth Headington, of Knox County. This union has been blessed with one child, viz., John H., born February 16, 1871. In April, 1876, he came to Union County, and for five years located in Washington Township, from thence coming to York Township, in the northern portion of which he settled. Mr. Montgomery is a self-made man, having acquired all he possesses by industry and hard work. He is the owner of 102½ acres of land, pleasantly located and in a good state of cultivation.

JOHN A. MORROW, farmer, P. O. York. Charles Morrow, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Bucks County, Penn., April, 1810. His parents were Charles and Rachel A. Morrow, his father, a veteran of the war of 1812, who served as a First Lieutenant, was a native of Ireland and his mother a native of Wales. Prior to the war of 1812, with them he came to Belmont County, Ohio, where he remained until, perhaps, sixteen years of age, when he went Wheeling, W. Va., to learn the trade of stone-cutting, which he followed several years. In 1831, he married Esther McElroy, by whom he had five children, four of whom are now living, viz.: John A., Charles W., William M. and Sarah E. About the year 1839, from Belmont County he came to Summersville, Union County, and began the practice of medicine, to which he adhered until 1874, when he moved to Mount Victory, Hardin County, where he died in July, 1879. His widow survives him and resides at the latter place. The subject of this sketch was born May 20, 1832, in Belmont County, Ohio, and when about seven years old, with his parents he came to York Township, Union County. Having received a rudimentary education for one year, he attended the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. In March, 1864, he enlisted in the Thirteenth Ohio Cavalry, Army of the Potomac, and participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, White House Landing, the siege of Petersburg, and the surrender of Gen. Lee with his army at Appomattox Court House. He was honorably discharged in June, 1865. In October, 1854, he was joined in matrimony to Miss Elizabeth Storms, a daughter of Gregory and Melinda Storms, of whom we have made mention in this work. They have four children—Esther M., Jessie D., Charles G. and Samuel J. Mr. Morrow is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the I. O. O. F. Lodge, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church; he is the owner of ninety-six acres of land and resides in the northern portion of York Township.

WILLIAM M. MORROW, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek, was born in Union County, Ohio, January 25, 1839, and is a son of Charles Morrow (deceased) and Esther Morrow, of whom we have mentioned in John A. Morrow's sketch. In his nineteenth year he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, which institution he attended alternately for about five years. In March, 1864, he enlisted in the Thirteenth Ohio Cavalry, Army of the Potomac, and he participated in many engagements a few of the leading ones being White House Landing, Cold Harbor and the siege of Petersburg, where he received a spinal injury occasioned by a fall into a rifle pit while crossing the battle-field under cover of darkness, after which he was confined in the Washington Hospital several months and honorably discharged in June, 1865. On February 22, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Lemenda J. Langstaff, daughter of James H. and Catherine Langstaff, of Union County. To them have been born five children—Florence L., Anna L., Carrie L., Lizzie R. and Flora (deceased). Mr. Morrow resides in the eastern portion of York Township, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the owner of ninety-three acres of land.

JONAS ORDERS, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, August 18, 1844. His parents were Joshua and Frances Orders. He was from his youth trained to the pursuits of agriculture, and received but a rudimentary education. On October 10, 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Knagi, who was born February 19, 1843, in Switzerland: she is a daughter of John and Elizabeth Knagi, who emigrated to America in 1850. After spending two years in Brooklyn, N. Y., came to Franklin County, Ohio, where they now reside. By this union there has been an issue of two children—Flora and Mary E., the latter of whom is deceased. In the autumn of 1881, Mr. Orders with his family came from Franklin County, Ohio to Union County and settled in the eastern portion of York Township where he now resides. He is a member of the Christian Church, has been successful in business and is the owner of sixty-eight and a half acres of land.

CHRISTOPHER OVERHOLSER, farmer, P. O. York. The subject of this sketch was born in Clark County, Ohio, December 2, 1842, and is a son of Christian Overholser (deceased) and Rebecca Overholser, natives of Virginia, who settled in Clark County perhaps in 1835. On February 8, 1866, he was united in marriage to Huldah C. King, who was born September 15, 1846, in Licking County, Ohio; she is a daughter of Tilleson King (deceased) and Mary F. King, now of Auglaize County, Ohio. To them have been born three children—Earnest T, Nona L. and one that died in infancy. In September, 1862, he enlisted in the Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battles of Dallas, Jonesboro, siege of Atlanta and the whole of Sherman's campaign, including the grand march to the sea. He received in June, 1865, an honorable discharge having served his country faithfully. In April, 1880, he came to Union County and settled near York Center, in York Township, where he now resides. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a republican, and the owner of fifty acres land.

JOHN PENHORWOOD, farmer and minister, P. O. York, was born in England September 20, 1820; his parents were John and Jane Penhorwood. In 1840, he took passage at Bristol, and after a voyage of more than six weeks, during which they encountered variable weather, he arrived in New York. From the latter city he came to Knox County, Ohio, where he spent four years at blacksmithing and a few years at farming. On January 6, 1842, he married Miss Elizabeth Lyle, who was born May 12, 1817; her parents were John and Susan Lyle. To them have been born eight children, viz.: John H., William F., Elizabeth J., Annie L., Sarah H., Ida A., Mary S. and Rebecca, the latter two of whom are deceased. From Knox County Mr. Penhorwood removed to Delaware County, where he resided until 1865, in which year he came to Union County, York Township. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for fifteen years has devoted himself to preaching. He is the owner of 285 acres of land.

WILLIAM PERKINS, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, October 8, 1825, and is a son of John and Phœbe Perkins. With his parents when about fourteen years of age, he came to Union County, and settled on the farm now owned by Wesley Southard, in the southwestern portion of York Township, where his parents remained until the fall of 1864, at which time they went to Allen County, Ind., where they remained until their decease. Of a family of eight children three are now living—our subject, George W. and Melissa J. On October 7, 1854, our subject married Caroline M. Rea, who was born January 7, 1833, in Logan County; she is a daughter of David and Ruth Rea, early settlers of Logan County. The fruits of this union were three children, of whom two are now living, viz.: Franklin W. and French W. Shortly after the date of his marriage, Mr. Perkins began keeping house in a log cabin near where he now resides. In 1874, having built a house of more modern architecture, which was better suited to the tastes and wants of the family, he moved therein. In May, 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio National Guards, and continued in the service until the following September. He has been successful as a farmer, owing mainly to his industry and skillful management, having everything done in the most orderly and advantageous manner. He is a member of the Disciples Church, and the owner of 161 acres of tillable land. He resides near where his father settled.

WILLIAM H. PLOTNER, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield, was born August 1, 1828, in Fairfield County, Ohio, and when but a few months old was taken by his parents, John Plotner, a native of Virginia, and Julia Plotner, a native of Ohio, to Jefferson County, where they located for perhaps twelve years. From there with them he went to Harrison County, where they remained until 1851, in which year they removed to Illinois, where they remained until their decease, he in 1855, and she in 1863. Our subject in his youth received but an ordinary district school education, but being of studious habits and having a love for good books, he has made himself familiar with many important topics of this day and age. In July, 1852, he was married to Miss Mary A. White, who was born March 24, 1833, in Virginia, and when three years of age, with her parents, John F. and Belinda White, she came to Tuscarawas County, Ohio. This union has been blessed with seven children—John W., Robert L., George F., William N., Laura J., James A. and Alonzo G. (deceased). After his marriage he resided in Tuscarawas County until 1863, in which year with his family he came to Union County. In 1864, he settled in the northwestern portion of York Township, where he now resides. He has served as Justice of the Peace thirteen years, and is still serving. Mr. Plotner is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the owner of a fine farm of 100 acres.

GEORGE W. POTTS, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek. The subject of this sketch was born March 25, 1836, in Ross County, Ohio; he was a son of James and Ruth Potts. In December, 1857, having reached the years of manhood, he married Miss Catherine J. Potts, by whom he had five children, four now living, viz.: John A., Lasco, David W. and Ida J. Mrs. Potts died May 18, 1876, and on September 27, 1876, Mr. Potts was married to Miss Jane Clark, a daughter of John and Jane Clark, of Carroll County. By her he has three children—Arthur, Cora B. and Ernest. In 1859, he came to York Township, this county, and settled near where he now resides. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, and the owner of a fine farm, located south of Summersville.

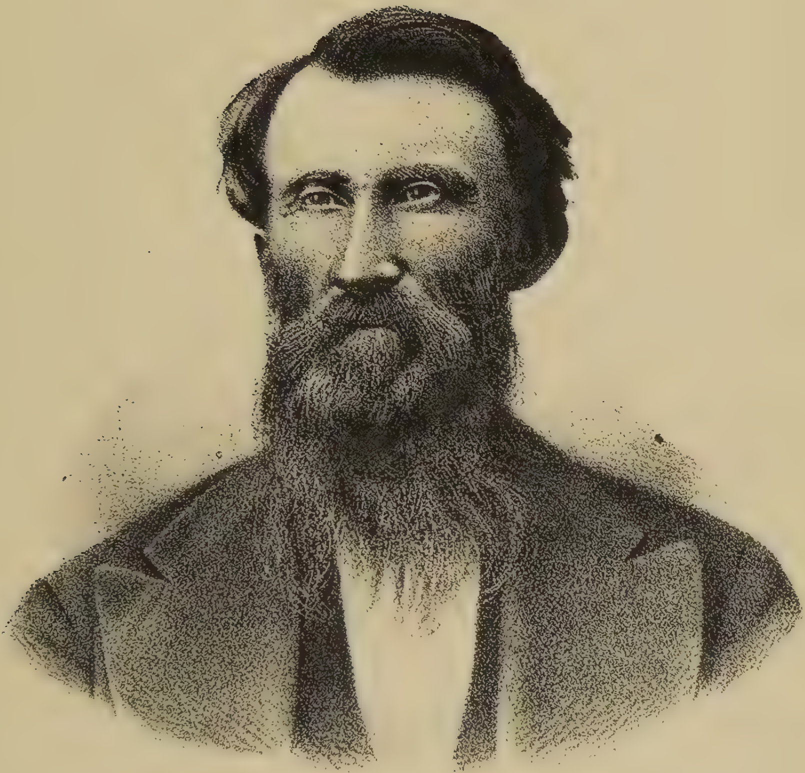
JOHN G. RICE, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek, was born April 2, 1833, in Union County, Ohio; his parents were Payn and Margaret Rice, who in 1830 came to Union from Hamilton County, and located in Liberty Township for twelve years, and then moved to Logan County, where they remained until 1863, in which year they returned to Union County, and made their home in York Township; where they remained until their decease, he in September, 1865, and she in September, 1863. When eighteen years of age, our subject began to learn the trade of a cabinet-maker in Marysville, which business he followed for about ten years. On February 21, 1860, he married Miss Ellen Essex, who was born February 9, 1827, in Ross County, Ohio; she is a daughter of Joseph and Cynthia Essex; four of their children are yet living, viz.: Jonathan P., Sarah A., William O. and Dora A. Subsequent to his marriage he located in Logan County three years, when he came to Union County, and in 1868 he settled about one mile southwest of Summersville, York Township, where he now resides. Mr. Rice has been quite successful in business, having had but comparatively little with which to start in life. He now owns fifty-four acres of land on which he as at present building a new and more modern house than the cabin in which he resides. In February, 1865, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and continued in the service till the following January, when he was honorably discharged.

ANDREW J. RICHARDSON, physician and surgeon, P. O. Bokes Creek, was born September 21, 1829, in Cayuga County, N. Y. When ten years of age with his parents, Richard S. Richardson, a soldier of the war of 1812, and Susan Richardson, he came to Summit County, Ohio, where they remained five years. From Summit they moved to Licking County, where they remained until 1855, in which year they came to York Township, Union County, where they remained until their decease. Our subject spent his youthful days on a farm, receiving a fair English education. During the latter part of 1867 and the beginning of 1868, he attended Starling Medical College at Columbus for five months, and again attended the same institution the following fall and winter and graduated in March, 1869. However, for five years prior to attending college, he had read and practiced medicine. He located at Summersville, York Township, and enjoys a good practice. On October 15, 1857, he was united in marriage to Miss Susan M Smith, daughter of the late Judge James R. Smith, of Union County. By this union there has been an issue of four children—Albert J., Elmer O., Ethel C. and Effie C. (deceased). Mr. Richardson is a member of the I. O. O. F. and F. & A. M. societies, and a member of the M. E. Church.

DANIEL M. RUSSEL, farmer, P. O. York. The subject of this sketch was born in Delaware County, Ohio, September 30, 1819, and is a son of Joseph and Betsy Russel, natives of Connecticut, who came to Delaware County, Ohio, in 1817. From his early youth Mr. Russel has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which he has been successful. On November 20, 1843, in Delaware County, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Lavender; she was born October 16, 1825, in Knox County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Thomas Lavender, an Englishman, and Maria Lavender, a native of Massachusetts. This union has been blessed with six children—Thomas L., Louisa, Joseph M. and three who are deceased. In 1870, he came to Union County, and settled in the northern portion of York Township, where he still resides. He served as Clerk of Thompson Township, Delaware County, and also as Treasurer. He is a member of the M. E. Church, and the owner of a fine farm of 200 acres.

MILTON M. SHIPLEY, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Fayette County, Penn., August 31, 1822; when fourteen years of age with his parents, Benedict and Abigial Shipley, he came to Knox County, Ohio, where his parents located until about 1857, when they moved to Warren County, where they located ten years. In 1867, they came to Claibourne Township, Union County, where they remained until their decease, he in August, 1874, and she in February, 1870. They were the parents of thirteen children—Milton M., Agnes, Adam R., Sarah, Matilda, Mary, Ruth, Elizabeth, Emily, Maria, Henry, George and Laura. On October 13, 1845, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Ann Adams, who was born December 3, 1822; she is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Adams, of Knox County, Ohio. This union has been blessed with eight children—Joseph A., William, John J., Henry, Charles G., George, Kingsley and Julia, the latter three of whom are deceased. Mr. Shipley resided in Knox County until 1861, in which year he moved to Madison County, Ky., where he located until 1865, when he came to Union County, and settled in the eastern portion of York Township, where he now resides. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the owner of 535 acres of land.

AARON SHIRK, farmer, P. O. York. A pioneer of York Township, was born June 12, 1810, in Virginia; his parents were John and Sarah Shirk. In 1818, with them he came to Ross County, Ohio, where they remained until 1820, in which year they came to Union County and settled in Liberty Township, where they remained until their decease, both having reached a ripe old age. Of a family of fourteen children, nine are now living, Betsy, Henson, Isaac, John, Silas, Lucinda, Sarah A., Jemima and Aaron. On May 9, 1834, our subject was married to Rosanna Tobey, daughter of Heman and Hannah Tobey, of whom we have made men-



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tion in this work. They are said to have been the first couple married in York Township after its organization. To them were born five children—Sarah A., Hannah R., John H., Heman T. and Melinda S. (deceased). After enjoying a life of domestic peace and happiness for nearly half a century with his faithful consort, she was suddenly called away on May 29, 1879. Mr. Shirk cast the first vote in York Township; the first election having been held in his house, he claimed the right to cast the first vote. He is the owner of sixty-two acres of land, and resides near York Center. He is a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church.

WILLIAM SIGLER (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born in Maryland, in August, 1812; his parents were William and Grace Sigler. When a young man, with his mother, his father being deceased, he came to York Township, Union County, and settled near Summersville, where she lived but a few years. On October 24, 1839, he married Miss Mary A. Cork, who was born in May, 1819; she is a daughter of John and Rebecca Cork, of Ross County, Ohio. To them were born eight children, viz., Minerva, Isaac J., Washington, Rebecca, Susan, Sylvester John T. and William M., the latter two of whom are deceased. In the spring of 1843, he settled where his widow now resides. He served as Assessor and Treasurer of York Township, and discharged the duties of the offices in a creditable manner. He was a kind and loving father and affectionate husband; his widow and children feel their irreparable loss, but we trust their loss is his gain. He departed this life in May, 1865. Isaac J. Sigler, one of the sons of our subject, was born in Union County, Ohio, August 24, 1844. From his boyhood he has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. In December, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until December, 1864, at which time he received an honorable discharge. He participated in the battles of Cross Keys, Cedar Mountain, the second battle of Bull's Run, and many other engagements. For his first wife he married Emma B. Watts, daughter of Hiram and Sarah Watts, whose sketch appears in this work; she died January 1, 1879. He then married Miss Eliza J. Flickinger, daughter of Stephen Flickinger, (deceased), and Margaret A. Flickinger, whose sketch appears in this work. They have one child, Forrey O. He has served as Clerk of York Township two years, and as Assessor, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM M. SKIDMORE, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield. Our subject was born September 14, 1823, in Logan County, Ohio; his parents were Joseph and Rebecca (deceased) Skidmore, of whom we have made mention in Thomas Skidmore's sketch. Having passed his youth on a farm and reached the years of manhood, on September 23, 1846, he married Miss Lydia Whitaker, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Whitaker. To them were born three children, two of whom are now living, viz., Jefferson D. and Elizabeth. She died in September, 1857, and in January, 1858, he was married to Harriet S. Moore, daughter of William B. and Nancy Moore, of Logan County. By her he has one son—Joseph W. Mr. Skidmore resides in the western portion of York Township, and is the owner of 266 acres of good land. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

THOMAS SKIDMORE, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield. The subject of this sketch was born in Logan County, Ohio, February 13, 1825; his parents were Joseph and Rebecca (deceased) Skidmore. About the year 1815, his father, with his parents, came to Logan County, where he married Rebecca Garwood, by whom he had seven children, five of whom are now living, viz., William M., Thomas, Isaac M., John F. and Hope. His wife dying, he married Rebecca Whittaker; seven children are the issue of this marriage, viz., Lydia J., Nancy L., Rebecca E., Lavina, Joseph, Franklin H. and Josiah C. Our subject was reared on a farm and received rather a limited education. On August 24, 1848, in Logan County, he was united in marriage to Miss Hannah J. Drake, who was born June 25, 1831, in Logan County; she is a daughter of Chordy and Sarah Drake, of whom we have made mention in this work. This union has been blessed with five children, viz.: Sarah E., born June 27, 1850; Spain A., born November 20, 1852; Sylvanus H., born August 5, 1856; Roxy A., born July 7, 1863; and Eva M., born January 13, 1866. In November, 1851, Mr. Skidmore moved from Logan County to Union County and settled in the western portion of York Township, where he still resides. He has a fine farm of 185 acres, on which he has erected a very desirable residence. He is a member of the Baptist Church. In February, 1865, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and continued in the service until the autumn of the same year.

ISAAC SKIDMORE, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek. The subject of this sketch was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, December 13, 1813; he is a son of William and Mary Skidmore, who came from Virginia to Columbiana and subsequently to Logan County, Ohio, at an early day. Of a family of eleven children, five are now living. When four years of age, Isaac, with his parents, came to Logan County, where, in November, 1836, he married Sarah A. Haines, who was born December 4, 1819, in Champaign County, Ohio; she is a daughter of Joseph and Rachel Haines. To them have been born five children, viz.: Emeline, born June 20, 1839; Alonzo, born June 7, 1841; Almina, born August 30, 1843; John W., born July 26, 1845; and Hester A., born January 12, 1853. In the spring of 1838, Mr. Skidmore came to Union County and located in Liberty Township until 1850, when he settled in the western portion of York Township, near where he now resides. He has served as School Director; is a member of the Christian Church and the owner of 244 acres of land.

FRANKLIN W. SKIDMORE, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield, was born October 4, 1853, in Union County, Ohio. He is the son of William Skidmore (deceased) and Sarah R. Skidmore. In his youth he was trained to the pursuits of agriculture, in which he is now engaged. On April 22, 1873, he married Miss Lucinda Hatcher, who was born July 15, 1853; she is a daughter of William Hatcher, deceased, and Margaret Hatcher. They have three children—Myrtie M., born April 15, 1875; Jessie E., born January 1, 1877, and Lydia, born November 30, 1881. Politically, Mr. Skidmore is of Democratic principles, and is a member of the Disciple Church. As an agriculturist, he is meeting with marked success, and is of good standing in society. He resides in the southwestern portion of York Township. Sarah R. Skidmore, mother of our subject, was born in Logan County, Ohio, March 16, 1824, and is a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Rea, her father a native of Virginia and her mother of Pennsylvania; they came to Logan County at quite an early day. She was reared to womanhood in Logan County, and on March 3, 1842, she was united in marriage to Mr. Elisha G. Mechem, a son of John and Hannah Mechem, of Logan County. To them were born three children—Levi R., David O., and one deceased. He departed this life March 20, 1848, and on July 6, 1851, she married Mr. William Skidmore, son of William and Mary Skidmore, by whom she has one son—our subject. Mrs. Skidmore is the owner of 122 acres of land, and a member of the Disciple Church.

DAVID M. SKIDMORE, farmer, P. O. Newton. The subject of this sketch was born April 21, 1853, in Logan County, Ohio. He is a son of Isaac and Sarah A. Skidmore, of Union County. From his youth to the present time he has devoted his attention to the honorable pursuits of agriculture. On August 23, 1873, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Johnson, who was born December 12, 1849; she is a daughter of Matthew and Lucinda Johnson, of this county. To them have been born two children—Harry J., born April 9, 1875, and Clarence N., born September 20, 1878. Mr. Skidmore is the owner of fifty-nine and one-half acres of land, and resides in the southern part of York Township.

CALVIN SKIDMORE, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield. The subject of this sketch was born in Union County, Ohio, September 15, 1841. His parents were William and Louisa Skidmore, who settled in York Township, near where our subject now resides, at quite an early day. He was here reared amid the varied scenes of pioneer life, and received but a rudimentary education. In February, 1865, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Army of the Cumberland, and continued in the service until the following September. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. McGee, who was born April 28, 1844; she was a daughter of Joab and Delila McGee, of Logan County. To them have been born two children—Louisa D., born June 30, 1861, and Aaron W., born July 7, 1865. Mr. Skidmore is the owner of 100 acres of land in Union, and forty-five acres in Logan County. He has been successful in business; is a member of the Baptist Church, and resides in the extreme southwest portion of York Township.

ELMORE C. SMITH, farmer and teacher, P. O. Bokes Creek. The subject of this sketch was born October 2, 1858, in Marion County, Ohio; his parents are William J. Smith, a native of Ross County, and Nancy M. Smith, a native of Richland County. Of a family of eight children, six are now living—Alfred M., George W., Elmore C., Hugh E., Jefferson L. and William M. His parents still reside in Marion County. Our subject from his youth has been reared on a farm and he received a good English education, and for perhaps four years has been engaged in teaching. On March 24, 1881, in Marion County, he married Miss Maria Jacoby; she was born February 23, 1859, and is a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Jacoby, of Marion County. Shortly after his marriage, he came to Union County and settled in the southeastern portion of York Township, where he now resides. Mr. Smith is a member of the Methodist Church, and the owner of 120 acres of land.

ALBERT I. SMITH (deceased). James R. Smith, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Maryland in 1794; in 1834, he came to Union County, Ohio, and bought the farm now owned by S. Taylor, on Bokes Creek, near Summersville. For several years he followed farming, and for nine years served as one of the Associate Judges. He also served for two terms as Justice of the Peace in York Township, and subsequently for ten years he served as Probate Judge of Union County. During the latter years of his life, he made his home with his son-in-law, Dr. A. J. Richardson, where he died a few years since. His wife, Anne Smith, a lady loved by all who knew her, died many years prior to his death. Our subject was born in November, 1845, in Union County, Ohio. In June, 1863, he enlisted in the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until February, 1864, when he was honorably discharged. On July 4, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Helen M. Johnson, a daughter of John and Mary Johnson, early settlers of this county. To them were born three children—Lottie E., Charles R. and Albert J. Having been engaged in the mercantile business in Summersville prior to his marriage, he continued in the same until a short time prior to his decease. He was a loving father and husband and departed this life in July, 1872, respected by all who knew him. His widow survives him and at present resides in Summersville. Her parents came from Harrison County, Ohio, to York Township, this county, in 1834, and they settled on the farm near Summersville, where he died. For forty years he was a minister of the Gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He taught the first school in Summersville, in the winter of 1835-36, at $8 per month. For six years he served as Auditor of Union County, and was an honored member in society. He died in July, 1873.

SAMUEL G. SMITH, farmer, P. O. Broadway. Charles Smith, a soldier of the war of 1812, and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Shenandoah County, Va., January 21, 1789. In his youth he learned the trade of tanner and currier, and, when a young man, went to Pennsylvania, where he married, probably in the year 1814, Sarah Godfrey, by whom he had ten children, three now living, viz.: Eliza, Charles W. (whose sketch appears in this work) and our subject. In 1826, he emigrated from Pennsylvania, with his family, to Harrison County, Ohio, where he remained until 1835, in which year he came to Union County and settled in Liberty Township, where he remained until his decease, October 18, 1859. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, for many years, class leader. Our subject was born November 3, 1818, in Pennsylvania, and, in 1826, with his parents, came to Harrison County, Ohio. On February 26, 1846, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth J. Herd, daughter of James and Margaret Herd, by whom he had four children, two of whom are now living—James W. and Philander H.; she died August 11, 1853. He then married Philarna Ford, by whom he has six children, five now living, viz.: Chauncey F., Clifford M., Sherman, Sarah A. and Nellie M. After having located in different portions of Union County, Mr. Smith finally, in 1876, settled in the southeastern portion of York Township, where he now resides. He is the owner of 100 acres of land.

CHARLES W. SMITH, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek. The subject of this sketch was born in Harrison County, Ohio, March 31, 1833, and in 1835, with his parents, Charles and Sarah Smith—of whom we have made mention in another portion of this work—he came to Union County, Ohio. He has from his youth devoted his attention to farming, and he received but a rudimentary education. On May 2, 1872, he married Miss Augusta C. Hathaway, who was born October 1, 1842, in Logan County, Ohio; she is a daughter of Ebenezer C. and Almira Hathaway. To them have been born three children—Emily, Nannie H. and Charles H. In May, 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was stationed principally at Forts Ellsworth, Lyon and O'Rouke. He received an honorable discharge in September, 1864. Mr. Smith has served as Trustee of York Township six years, and in 1870 was land appraiser of the same township. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the owner of 240 acres of land, and resides in the southern portion of York Township. The parents of Mrs. Smith are natives of Massachusetts, who, about the year 1833, came to Union County, Ohio, and located but a short time, when they moved to Logan County, where they now reside.

WESLEY W. SOUTHARD, farmer, P.O. West Mansfield. Wm. Southard, a soldier of the war of 1812, and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Virginia; came to Logan County, Ohio, at an early day. He married Elizabeth Lingrel, by whom he had eight children, six of whom are now living. After her death he married Phœba Burwill, by whom he had three children, one of whom is still living. He died in Logan County in March, 1851, respected by all who knew him. Samuel Southard, a son of William, and father of our subject, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, February 20, 1814, and on November 24, 1839, in Logan County, he married Lydia Harriman, who was born in Pennsylvania November 5, 1821. To them have been born nine children, four of whom are yet living—Wesley W., Spain J., Sarah V. and Clara V. After their marriage they settled in the western portion of York Township, where our subject now resides, and where they remained until 1876, in which year they moved to West Mansfield, Logan County, where they now reside. He served as Trustee of York Township, and with his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of late Mr. Southard has been in feeble health. Wesley W. Southard, subject of this sketch, was born in Union County, Ohio, July 19, 1841. On reaching his majority the war of the late rebellion was begun, and accordingly in August, 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Army of the Cumberland, and participated in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Resaca, Mission Ridge, Kenesaw Mountain, and the memorable siege of Atlanta, where, in August, 1864, he received a wound which obliged him to remain in several different hospitals nearly a year. He was honorably discharged at Camp Dennison in May, 1865. On March 11, 1876, he married Miss Louisa E. Elliott, who was born in Union County, April 7, 1853; she was a daughter of John and Elizabeth A. Elliott. The result of this union has been two children, viz.: Howe E., born June 25, 1877, and Florence E., born June 7, 1880. Mr. Southard is a member of the F. & A. M. society, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has served as Trustee of York Township, and is the owner of 210 acres of land.

LEONIDAS H. SOUTHARD, Secretary Union County Farmers' Insurance Company, P. O. York, was born November 9, 1852, in Union County, Ohio; he is a son of Sylvester F. Southard (deceased) and Rebecca Southard. Having received a rudimental education, in the fall of 1868 he entered Delaware University, where he continued his studies alternately for perhaps two years, and after leaving Delaware he taught school for a short time. In July, 1874, he entered on a six months' course at the Miami Commercial College, in Dayton, Ohio, and on completing his course received a diploma. In the fall of 1875, he entered Hillsdale College, Michigan, and resumed his studies there until June of the following year. In the spring of 1877, in company with J. S. Winters, he engaged in the mercantile business at Summersville, and continued in the same about six months, when he purchased a farm in the northern portion of York Township, on which he located until June, 1881, at which time he came to York Center, where he now resides. He is at present officiating as Secretary of the Union County Farmers' Insurance Company, of which he was one of the incorporaters. On February 14, 1878, he was united in marriage to Miss Hannah E. Penhorwood, daughter of John and Elizabeth Penhorwood, whose sketch appears in this work. They have one child, viz., Carleton. Mr. Southard is a self-made man, a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the owner of 103 acres of land.

DAVID W. SPICER, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek. The subject of this sketch was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, September 13, 1822; his parents were Jonathan and Leuriah Spicer, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Muskingum County, Ohio, at an early day. Of their family of nine children there are now but three living, viz.: David W., Jane and Adeline. Our subject was raised to manhood on a farm and received but a rudimentary education. On June 22, 1848, in Muskingum County, he was united in marriage to Miss Keziah Ross, daughter of Dr. Joseph Ross (now deceased). This union has been blessed with nine children, viz.: Jane E., Emily C., Joseph L., Franklin D., Henry V. D., Alexander J., Minnie D., William and Isabella C., the latter two of whom are deceased. About the year 1852, he came to Union County, and settled in the eastern portion of York Township, where he now resides. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and the owner of a productive farm of fifty acres.

HENRY STALDER, farmer, P. O. York. Casper Stalder, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Switzerland, near the Alps Mountains, September 24, 1809, and in 1819, with his parents, Jacob and Anne Stalder, he emigrated to America, and came to Athens County, Ohio. On December 15, 1836, he married Mary Howard, who was born in May, 1815, in New York State; she is a daughter of Elisha and Submitta Howard. To them have been born eight children, of whom seven are now living. In 1853, with his family he came to Union County, and settled in York Township. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, and the owner of ninety-five acres of land. Our subject was born October 25, 1837, in Athens County, Ohio. In 1853, with his parents he came to York Township, this county, and in May, 1858, he married Eliza J. Storms, daughter of Gregory and Melinda Storms, of whom we have made mention in this work. They have three children—Willard C., Charles F. and Josie B. In 1865, he settled where he now resides, in the southern portion of York Township. In June, 1861, he enlisted in the Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Army of the Cumberland, and participated at Shiloh, Murfreesboro, the siege of Corinth and Chickamauga, where, in September, 1863, he was taken prisoner by the Confederates, and for nearly one year was confined in Libby and other prisons, but was finally released. In October, 1864, he was honorably discharged. He is the owner of 260 acres of land, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

PETER STALEY, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek. The subject of this sketch was born April 5, 1825, in Greene County, Ohio; he was a son of Daniel Staley, a native of Maryland, and Catherine Staley, a native of Pennsylvania. When eight years of age, with his mother and step-father, Samuel Staley, his father having died when he was four years old, he came to Marysville, this county. On November 30, 1850, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Turner, who was born March 20, 1829, and a daughter of Aquilla and Frances Turner, of Clark County, Ohio. To them have been born five children—Aquilla T., born October 18, 1860; Luther, born June 27, 1863; Alexander B., born June 12, 1865; Katie J., born May 16, 1867, and one that died in infancy. After living in different portions of York Township, he, finally, in the spring of 1881, with his family, settled a short distance south of Summersville, near Bokes Creek. He is a member of the Baptist Church and of the F. & A. M. society, and the owner of 120 acres of land in a good state of cultivation.

JOHN STAMATS, farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch, a pioneer of York Township, was born August 17, 1803, in Westmoreland County, Penn. His parents were George Stamats (whose father was a Revolutionary soldier) and Ruth Stamats, with whom, in 1815, he emigrated to Muskingum County, Ohio. Of a family of nine children, four still survive—John George, Elizabeth and Leah. They remained in Muskingum County until their decease, he in September, 1857, and she in April, 1846. Our subject was reared on a farm, and for three years worked on the Ohio Canal. On April 29, 1830, in Fairfield County, he married Miss Allie Coons, daughter of George and Keziah Coons. This union has been blessed with eight children, five of whom are now living. For one year after his marriage, Mr. Stamatz located in Fairfield County. In 1831, he came to Union County and settled in the northeastern portion of York Township, where he now resides. He has served as Trustee of York Township, and is the owner of 100 acres of land.

MALCHUS F. STAMATS, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek, was born April 22, 1836, in Union County, Ohio. After having obtained a good common school education, he attended for several terms, Hillsdale College, Michigan, and subsequently, for several terms, taught school in York and Taylor Townships, this county. On May 7, 1863, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Southard, who was born July 31, 1840; she is a daughter of Sylvester F. Southard (deceased) and Rebecca Southard, his wife. To them have been born four children, viz.: Dora, a teacher, born

July 21, 1866; John O., born May 26, 1868; Sattie E., born October 27, 1871, and Azona, born July 3, 1874. Mr. Stamats is a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church; he owns ninety-two and one-half acres of land, and resides in the eastern portion of York Township.

MATTHEW E. STAMATS, farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch was born in Union County, Ohio, April 22, 1836. He is a son of John and Allie Stamats, whose sketch appears in this work. He was reared on a farm and received a fair English education. In October, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, First Ohio Cavalry, and was attached to the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in the battles of Corinth, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Farmington, the siege of Atlanta, and numerous other engagements, and was honorably discharged in October, 1864. On April 3, 1879, he married Miss Mary M. Price, who was born May 5, 1848; she was a daughter of Thomas R. and Mary J. Price, who came to Union County about the year 1836. Mr. Stamats is a member of the F. & A. M. Lodge, and Grand Army of the Republic, and the owner of fifty acres of land.

CYRUS STAMATS, farmer, P. O. Bokes Creek. The subject of this sketch was born in Union County, Ohio, December 6, 1842; he is a brother of Matthew E. and Malchus F. Stamats, and a son of John Stamats, all of whom have biographies in this work. In October, 1862, he was enrolled in the First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was attached to the Army of the Cumberland. He was engaged in the battles of Chickamauga, Resaca, Mission Ridge, Kenesaw, Mountain, siege of Atlanta, and numerous other engagements. He endured many hardships while in the service, but has enrolled his name with the many thousands who so bravely defended the Federal flag, which was about to be trampled under the iron heel of a most formidable enemy. He was honorably discharged in July, 1864. In January, 1873, he married Miss Margaret Fish, who was born January 2, 1850, in Union County, Ohio; she is a daughter of Cornelius E. and Elizabeth Fish, of Claibourne Township, this county. They have two children—Carrie, born February 8, 1874, and May, born October 3, 1875. Mr. Stamats is a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church, and the owner of 126 acres of land.

DAVID STERLING (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born in Ireland April 15, 1810; he was a son of John and Mary (Patterson) Sterling. When a youth, with his parents, he emigrated to America, and came to Pennsylvania, where they remained a short time. From Pennsylvania they came to Harrison County, Ohio, where they remained until his father's decease, about 1858; his mother died in September, 1862, in Union County. Our subject was reared principally on a farm and received a good common school education. He married, in Harrison County, Miss Mary Cox, who was born August 22, 1812. To them were born four children—Mary J., born May 25, 1833; John H., born November 18, 1834; A. J., born October 12, 1836, and Rebecca M., born May 26, 1841. In 1837, Mr. Sterling came to Union County and settled in the northern portion of York Township, where his son, John H., now resides. He settled in what was then termed the "woods," in the clearing of which he endured many hardships and privations. He had served as Trustee of York Township and as Justice of the Peace. He departed this life February 18, 1874, respected by all who knew him. His widow survived him until June 17, 1882. John H. Sterling, their son, at present has possession of the homestead.

JUDSON STORMS, farmer, P. O. York. The subject of this sketch was born in Orleans County, N. Y., March 30, 1823, and in 1833, with his parents, Gregory and Melinda Storms, came to York Township, Union County, Ohio, and settled near the waters of Bokes Creek. His parents remained in York Township until their decease. Of their family of ten children, four are now living, viz.: William H., Elizabeth, Eliza and Judson. On May 17, 1847, the latter was united in marriage with Rebecca Davis, now deceased, a daughter of David and Keziah Davis, of whom we had made mention in this work. To them were born one child, viz.: Oliver C., who was born December 22, 1851, and on September 26, 1880, married Miss Ruth Stalder, daughter of Casper and Mary Stalder, and with her resides in York Township, near the home of our subject. Mr. Storms also, was a soldier in the late war of the rebellion for a short time, thereby adding his name to the roll of honor, which will perpetuate his memory for generations to come. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, and the owner of ninety-five acres of land. With his second wife, in a comfortable home, he resides near the central portion of York Township.

ALEXANDER TALLMAN, farmer, P. O. York, was born in June, 1833, in Logan County, Ohio, and is a son of Benjamin and Ruth Tallman, natives of New Jersey, who came to Champaign County, Ohio, about 1822. They, however, remained in Champaign County but a short time, when they moved to Logan County, where they remained until their decease. Of a family of ten children, nine are now living, viz.: Thomas W., Francis, William, Ruth A., Mary J., Alexander, Benjamin B., George W. and Sarah. On April 22, 1855, our subject married Lydia Bailey; she was born June 12, 1834, in Guernsey County, Ohio, and is a daughter of William B. Bailey, a native of Virginia, and Mary Bailey, a native of New Jersey. To them have been born two children—Adelaide and Mary M. In the fall of 1868, he came to Union County, and resided in Washington Township until November, 1881, at which time he settled in the northern portion of York Township, where he now resides. Mr. Tallman is a self-made man, and the owner of fifty acres of land.

JOHN E. TOBEY, farmer, P. O. York. William Tobey, father of the subject of this sketch, was born March 3, 1805, in Saratoga County, N. Y.; his parents were Heman and Hannah Tobey. Heman having lost his first wife, married Martha Wilkins, with whom and other members of his family he emigrated to Union County, Ohio, about the year 1832, and settled in York Township, near the waters ot Bokes Creek, where he remained until his decease. William Tobey was united in marriage May 10, 1827, to Miss Ada A. Brooks, who was born February 12, 1810, in Ontario County, N. Y.; she was a daughter of Nathaniel and Margaret Brooks, who came to York Township, Union County, about the year 1833. In the fall of 1832, he came to Union County, his parents having arrived in the spring of the same year. He settled in York Township, near York Center, where he remained until about 1855, when he located for nine years on the farm at present occupied by Daniel M. Russel. In the spring of 1864, he removed to Mount Victory, Hardin County, where he resided until the winter of 1881, at which time he returned to York Township, wnere he now resides. Mr. and Mrs. Tobey are the parents of nine children, of whom two are now living, viz.: Our subject and Henry A. Mr. Tobey was elected first Treasurer of York Township, and has also served as Trustee, Clerk and Justice of the Peace. Of late years he has been afflicted with paralysis, and at present is in rather feeble health. The subject of this sketch was born May 18, 1837, in Union County, Ohio; he is one of York Township's successful farmers. On March 31, 1858, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Harris, who was born April 20, 1837; she is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Harris of whom we have made mention in this work. To them have been born six children—Myron O., Jennie M., Eddie J., William S., Archibald B. and Ada E., the latter three of whom are deceased. Mr. Tobey is a member of the United Brethren Church, and is the owner of 100 acres of land.

JOHN TRIMBLE, farmer, P. O. York. The subject of this sketch was born February 27 1830, in Jefferson County, Ohio. He is a son of Robert and Sarah Trimble, natives of Virginia, who emigrated to Jefferson County, Ohio, at an early day. They were the parents of seven children, of whom four are now living, viz.: Lucy, John, Rebecca and Sarah J. When a boy, with his parents, our subject moved from Jefferson to Harrison County, where, on March 22, 1851, he married Miss Margaret Sterling, daughter of John and Mary Sterling, of Harrison County. To them have been born five children, viz.: James S., Mary J. (deceased), Robert W., Rebecca E. and Rosilla N. In the autumn of 1853, Mr. Trimble came to Union County, and settled near the central portion of York Township, where he at present resides. In connection with his farming, he is also engaged in the manufacture of tile, for drainage purposes. In the spring of 1879, he was elected Treasurer of York Township, in which capacity he still officiates. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and class leader in the church, and the owner of eighty-five acres of land.

HIRAM WATTS, farmer, P. O. York, was born December 28, 1822, in Franklin County, Ohio. His parents were John and Sarah Watts, natives of New York State, who settled in Franklin County, Ohio, at an early day. They had eight children, of whom five are now living, viz.: Hiram, William, John, Maria and Nicholas. On December 22, 1843, in Franklin County, Hiram was united in marriage to Sarah J. Goldsmith, who was born January 15, 1823, in Franklin County. She is a daughter of Thomas Goldsmith a native of Virginia, and Elizabeth Goldsmith, a native of Pennsylvania. The fruits of this union are six children—Horace W., John J., Charles D., William J., Carrie A. and Emma R (deceased). Mr. Watts resided in Franklin County until 1865, in which year, with his family, he came to this county, and settled in York Township, near York Center, where he now resides. He has served as Trustee in York Township, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the owner of 135 acres of land.

CHARLES E. WILKINS, farmer, P. O. Richwood. Beriah P. Wilkins, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., May 26, 1792. He was a son of James Wilkins, a valiant soldier of the Revolutionary war, and Elsie Wilkins. Having reached the years of manhood, he married, on December 24, 1814, in New York State, Miss Amanda Rhodes. She was born October 19, 1797, and was a daughter of Capt. James Rhodes. By this union there was an issue of three children—Charles E., Joseph R. and Alfred F. (deceased). In 1836, he came to Union County, Ohio, and bought 210 acres of land in York Township, our subject's farm being part of the original purchase. In 1837, with his family, he settled in his new home in what was then comparatively a forest. He endured the usual hardships and privations connected with pioneer life, and remained where he settled until his decease, in October, 1858. He had served as Trustee of York Township, and was respected by all who knew him. His wife departed this life in August, 1877. Our subject was born March 6, 1822, in New York State, and when fifteen years of age, with his parents, came to Union County, Ohio. On May 18, 1847, he married Miss Martha M. Raymond, who was born July 26, 1826, in Saratoga County, N. Y. Her father, Nathan Raymond, was born in 1779, in Connecticut; his father, Nathan, was a Revolutionary soldier. When a boy, with his parents, he removed to Saratoga County, N. Y., where he married Martha Chard, by whom he had seven children, two of whom are now living, viz.: Martha M. and Ambrose. In 1839, he came to Union County, Ohio, where he remained until his decease, November 7, 1847; his wife died September 4, of the same year. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins are the parents of seven children—Edwin R., Amanda C., John F., Mary E., Hattie M., Allie K. and Minerva J. (deceased). Mr. Wilkins has served as Trustee and Clerk of York Township. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and the owner of seventy-seven acres of land.

LEVEN WRIGHT (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born April 22, 1809, in Maryland, and when nine years of age, with his parents, James and Hannah Wright, he came to Fairfield County, Ohio, where his parents remained until their decease. About the year 1834, with his sister Rebecca, he came to Union County, and settled in the northern portion of York Township, where he remained until his decease. In 1837, he married Letitia Coons, daughter of George and Keziah Coons. By this union there was an issue of three children, two of whom are now living, viz.: Rebecca and James. She died in March, 1844, and in August, 1844, he married Miss Sarah Thornton, who was born March 22, 1821 She was a daughter of Jesse and Nancy Thornton, of Union County, the former a native of North Carolina, and the latter of Virginia. This union has been blessed with seven children, three of whom are now living—Oscar, Mahlon and Mary. After spending a life of usefulness, he died November 27, 1873. He was a kind and loving father and an indulgent husband, respected by the large circle of friends that knew him. For many years he served as Trustee of York Township; was a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church, and left to his widow, who still resides on the homestead, 156 acres of land.

CHAPTER XII.

CLAIBOURNE TOWNSHIP.

THE territory of Claibourne has sucessively formed a part of many townships. In 1825, shortly after the first settlement was made here, it became a portion of the new township of Leesburg. In 1829, at the formation of Jackson, most of its territory was embraced in it, and so remained until the organization of Claibourne, in 1834.

The journal of the County Commissioners under date of March 4, 1833, contains this entry:

" This day Cyprian Lee presented a petition for dividing the township of Jackson into two townships, the sonthern part to be called Claibourne, and the northern part to retain the name of Jackson; whereupon the Commissioners order that said township of Claibourne be laid off from said township of Jackson, beginning at the fourth mile tree southwardly from the northeasterly corner of said Jackson Township; thence parallel with the north line thereof."

March 5, 1833.—" This day it was ordered by the Commissioners that Levi Phelps proceed to lay off the township of Claibourne, beginning at the fourth mile tree southwardly from the northeast corner of the township of Jackson; thence running westwardly, parallel with the north line of Jackson Township to the division line between the township of Liberty; to be done as soon as convenient."

For some unknown reason the township was not then surveyed and organized as the following entry will make appear:

" March 5, 1834.—This is the day it was ordered by the Commissioners—on the application of various individuals—that a new township to be called Claibourne, to commence on the east boundary of the county of Union at the first mile tree south of the Indian Boundary Line; thence west, parallel with the northern boundary of said county to the east boundary of York, to be laid off; to be run by Levi Phelps, prior to the next June session."

The first election for State and county officers was held October 14, 1834. Absalom Carney, Nathaniel Wilson and George Clark were elected Judges; William Price and John P. Brookins, Clerks. Nineteen votes were cast—those of Nathan Richardson, Absalom Carney, John T. Evans, John Carney, William Price, Nathaniel Wilson, J. P. Brookins, Philip Plummer, William Phillips, George Clark, John Calloway, John Dakin, William Sirpless, Adam Burge, Larkin Touguet, John Dilfavor, Eleazor Rose, Hiram Andrews and William Jackson. For Governor, Robert Lucas received 14 votes, James Finley, 5; for Congressman, Sampson Mason, 18, Samuel Newell, 1; for Representative, Nicholas Hathaway,13, Otway Curry, 6; for Senator, Samuel Newell, 18; for Commissioner, Thomas Parr, 19; for Sheriff, Calvin Winget, 19; for Coroner, John Adamson, 19.

Politically, the township was for several years Democratic; it then became Whig, and that party maintained the ascendency until its extinction. Since then it has been strongly Republican.

VOTE FOR GOVERNOR.

The complete vote of the township, from the date of its organization to the present, for Governor of the State, is herewith presented:

1834—Robert Lucas, 14; James Finley, 5; total, 19.

1836—Joseph Vance, 28; Eli Baldwin, 14; total, 42

1838—Joseph Vance, 27; Wilson Shannon, 35; total, 62.

1840—Thomas Corwin, 52; Wilson Shannon, 38; total, 88.

1842—Thomas Corwin, 52; Wilson Shannon, 36; Leicester King, 2; total, 90.

1844—Mordecai Bartley, 62; David Tod, 43; total, 105.

1846—William Bebb, 52; David Tod, 26; total, 78.

1848—Seabury Ford, 91; John B. Weller, 42; scattering, 1; total, 134.

1850—William Johnson, 84; Reuben Wood, 59; Ed. Smith, 1; total, 144.

1851—Samuel F. Vinton, 103; Reuben Wood, 59; Samuel Lewis, 6; total, 168.

1853—Nelson Barrere, 58; William Medill, 90; Samuel Lewis, 47; total, 195.

1855—Salmon P. Chase, 125; William Medill, 55; total, 180.

1857—Salmon P. Chase, 128; H. B. Payne, 81; total, 209.

1859—William Dennison, 146; R. P. Ranney, 50; total, 196.

1861—David Tod, 192; H. J. Jewett, 53; total, 245.

1863—John Brough, 237; C. L. Vallandigham, 79; total, 316.

1865—J. D. Cox, 210; George W. Morgan, 78; total, 288.

1867—R. B. Hayes, 245; A. G. Thurman, 118; total, 363.

1869—R. B. Hayes, 229; G. H. Pendleton, 112; total, 341.

1871—E. F. Noyes, 258; George W. McCook, 100; total, 358.

1873—E. F. Noyes, 295; William Allen, 190; J. C. Collins, 28; G. T. Stewart, 22; total, 485.

1875—R. B. Hayes, 378; William Allen, 230; Jay Odell, 11; total, 619.

1877—William H. West, 385; R. M. Bishop, 222; H. H. Thompson, 5; total, 612.

1879—Charles Foster, 381; Thomas Ewing, 235; G. T. Stewart, 54; A. Sanders Piatt, 5; total, 675.

1881—Charles Foster, 371; John W. Bookwalter, 171; A. R. Ludlow, 72; total, 614.

JUSTICES.

In 1829, Henry Swartz was commissioned Justice of the Peace for Leesburg Township. He resided in the portion that is now Claibourne. Philip Plummer was the Justice of Jackson Township, who resided in what is now Claibourne at the time of its organiztion. His commisssion expired in 1836. Since that time the justices have been as follows: J. P. Brookins, 1836; Philip Plummer, 1837; John P. Brookins, 1837; William Jackson, 1840, resigned 1841;

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J. P. Brookins, 1840; Cornelius Stiers, 1841; James B. W. Haynes, 1841; John P. Graham, 1842; James B. W. Haynes, 1844; William Hamilton, 1845; James B. W. Haynes, 1847; William Hamilton, 1848; W. H. Ferguson, 1851, resigned the same year; John M. C. Mulvain, 1851; J. B. W. Haynes, 1851; Jacob C. Sidle, 1854; J. B. W. Haynes, 1854; Jacob C. Sidle, 1857; C. W. Rosette, 1857; Jacob C. Sidle, 1860; Charles W. Rosette, 1860; Jacob C. Sidle, 1863; Charles W. Rosette, 1863; Jacob C. Sidle, 1866; Charles W. Rosette, 1866; L. A. Hedges, 1869; William H. Conkright, 1869; L. A. Hedges, 1872; William H. Conkright, 1872; William J. Wood, 1874; G. B. Hamilton, 1875; J. C. Sidle, 1876; M. W. Hill, 1878; J. S. Gill, 1878; W. J. Woods, 1879; Seth S. Gardner, 1880; H. M. Wright, 1880; M. W. Hill, 1881.

SURVEYS.

The original surveys which compose the present limits of Claibourne Township, together with their original proprietorships, areas, surveyors, and dates of survey, are as follows:

Richard Claibourne, No. 220, 1,250 acres, surveyed September 7, 1811, by Joseph Kerr; Richard Claibourne, No. 220, 416 acres, same surveyor and date; John Nicholas, No. 5,809, 2,000 acres, surveyed June 1, 1809, by James Galloway, Levin Joynes, No. 6,107, 633½ acres, surveyed by Joseph Kerr, September 10, 1810; John Crouse, No. 6,161, 823 acres, surveyed by Joseph Kerr, February 15, 1809; John Evans and Edward Owings, No. 6,228, 500 acres, surveyed by James Denny, April 18, 1811; heirs of Buller Claibourne, No. 6,293, 4,267 acres, surveyed by James Galloway, Jr., July 21, 1809; William Pelham, No. 6,307, 1,200 acres, surveyed by James Galloway, Jr., November 16, 1809; William Pelham, No. 6,307, 1,200 acres, same date and surveyor; William Pelham, No. 6,307, 380 acres, surveyed by James Galloway, Jr., November 14, 1809; William and Isaac Corruthers, assignees, No. 7,008, 2,400 acres, surveyed October 28, 1808, by James Galloway, Jr.; Andrew Moore, No. 7,008, 800 acres, surveyed October 29, 1808, by James Galloway, Jr.; William Murdock, No. 12,654, 500 acres, surveyed July 10, 1829, by Allen Latham; Cadwallader Wallace Nos 13,440, 13,449 and 13,526, 614 acres, surveyed by proprietor, May 9, 1834; William Pelham, No. 6,308, 280 acres, partly in Delaware County, surveyed November 14, 1809, by James Galloway; John Gibson, No. 7,869, 800 acres, surveyed August 25, 1813, by John Kerr; representatives of Thomas Ruffin, No. 6,301, 400 acres, surveyed July 20, 1809, by James Galloway, Jr. There are also in the township small fractions of Nos. 6,129 and 6,162, which are mostly in Delaware County.

Claibourne Township is located in the northeastern part of Union County. It is bounded on the north by Jackson Township, on the east by Marion and Delaware Counties, on the south by Leesburg and Taylor Townships, and on the west by York. It is one of the largest townships in the county and the second in population Its name is derived from the Buller-Claibourne Survey, which is the largest in the county, and which at the organization of the township contained nearly all the settlers, then within its limits of the latter. Fulton Creek is the principal stream. It enters at the northwest corner of the township from York and flows out near the southeast corner. It is said that the stream received its name from the fact that Mr. Fulton, an attache of a surveying party, which was surveying land in this vicinity, while attempting to cross the creek over a log one cold winter day, slipped and fell into the water. The stream was high and it was with difficulty that he was rescued by his comrades. The soil is argillacious; the surface, generally level and in places slightly rolling. A heavy growth of timber covered the township when first settled, interspersed with a thick growth of underbrush and vines, as the following incident will testify: Daniel Swartz, residing just north of Richwood, on going to mill once to Millville, thirteen miles distant, directed Mrs. Swartz to watch the cattle and not permit them to stray far from home. After a while, not seeing them, she climbed an old log that had fallen partly to the ground, not far from the cabin door, and on looking around discovered the cows only a few yards away, almost at her feet, in the thick brush, that had obscured her view from below.

INDIANS.

The Indian occupancy of the soil now embraced within the limits of Claibourne Township, as a hunting ground was for a long time undisturbed by the presence of white men after the settlement of pioneers in other parts of the State. It lies adjoining the Greenville treaty line, the territory north of which had been reserved by treaty for the exclusive use of the red men. Within the township were some favorite hunting grounds. The site of Richwood, elevated slightly above the surrounding country, was rich not only with an abundant growth of plants and forest trees, but in game as well, and that the Indians often tented on these grounds is handed down by tradition, and is established by the many relics that have been found in the vicinity. Knives, fragments of Indian saddles, brooches, tomahawks and all the accoutrements of camp life have been brought to light, in the preparation of the soil for agriculture. In the gravel pit owned by Mrs. Susanna Swartz, situated just north of Richwood, numerous skeletons have been exposed.

After the earliest pioneers had taken possession of the country, the forests were ranged by hunters from both races for many years. The Indians would not tolerate the presence of white men north of the Greenville line, but frequently hunted south of the line. The best state of feeling did not exist between the Indians and settlers, though amicable relations were usually maintained. Whether the red or white men were the first aggressors is not known, but if either committed a wrong, however slight, retaliation would surely ensue. The Indians, either in a spirit of retaliation or from an innate proneness to evil, would occasionally shoot the settlers' hogs as they were feeding in the woods, and commit other depredations. In bee-hunting, it was a custom sacred among the pioneers engaged in this pursuit that when a bee tree was found by one of them and marked with the finder's initials it at once became his property, to be relieved of its honey at the hunter's leisure; and for another to abstract the honey was regarded as detestable a crime as to steal a horse. The Indians, however, were not affected by any such scruples, and when one of them discovered the home of a swarm of bees, he rifled it of its treasure, whether or not a prior badge of ownership had been stamped upon the tree. Such proceedings naturally incensed the settlers. The principal game was deer, but the practice of the Indians while hunting on the white man's hunting ground, were such as to drive the game from the vicinity. They would crouch low in the tall grass, and, imitating the bleating of a fawn, attract the doe to the spot where they were concealed. They would then kill and skin it, leaving the young to perish. The stench arising from the decaying carcasses would drive the deer to other grounds. An old hunter claims to have counted in one Indian camp, between Fulton and Bokes Creek, the hides of sixty deer that had been killed in this way. Yet a friendly relation was maintained. The Indians would call at the cabins of the settlers and eat with them. They would engage with them in foot races and various kinds of games, and often hunt in their company

The tradition prevails that Henry Swartz and Ned Williams, two of the first settlers of Claibourne, killed two Indians on Peacock Run, in the southern part of the township. The fact was never established, but the missing Indians were never heard of again, and circumstances pointed strongly to their removal from this world by these two primitive backwoodsmen. Mr. Swartz possessed an irascible temper, which would often vent itself on the heads of the savages. On one occasion he beat one of them with the ram-rod of his gun. He would steal into their camps while they were off hunting and there play annoying tricks. The Indians sought Swartz and wanted a reconciliation. He gave them no satisfaction. They then set up sticks with bullets on the ends around their camp to indicate war. Soon after, two Indians who had gone hunting did not return. Their comrades searched diligently for them, but without any results. Suspecting foul play, they carefully examined brush heaps and thickets and wandered excitedly along the banks of the creeks peering intently into their depths, but no trace of the lost men was found. They had traced them to Peacock Run, but there found no further indications of their presence. Capt. Henry Swartz and Ned Williams had been clearing land and burning brush in this vicinity, and the Indians suspected them. They visited Swartz's cabin; he was apparently unconcerned, but watchful. They wished to be friendly, they said; wanted to shoot at a mark with him and to borrow his gun, but he refused every request. One day an old Indian hunter came to him and proposed a hunt, to which Capt. Swartz at length agreed. The Indian desired Swartz to lead, but the latter declined. They hunted for a long time, watching each other more closely than for game. Finally the Indian brave proposed that they divide. "You take that side and I this," he said. "No, replied Swartz, "you take this side and I that," choosing the side toward home. They separated, and when Swartz supposed he had left the Indian out of sight, he turned and hastened rapidly home. The Indian soon followed and in a great rage exclaimed, "You lie, you no hunt, you lie." But as a discharge still remained in the rifle of Capt. Swartz, the Indian made no further demonstration and departed speedily. Mr. Swartz was always afterward very cautious and vigilant when he believed the Indians were near him. They soon afterward withdrew permanently from the region.

Capt. Swartz, when afterward asked about this affair, would never commit himself, one way nor the other. He neither denied nor admitted that he killed or knew of the death of the Indians. But "Neddy" Williams, when he was made somewhat indifferent to consequences by a few drinks of liquor, loved to boast that he knew where there were two good rifles in a hollow sycamore tree, and said they were put in by climbing a slender tree by the side of a sycamore and dropping them through an opening in the tree made by the breaking off of the upper part of the trunk. There was a well-beaten path along the bank of Peacock Run by the side of which stood an old sycamore, from which had fallen a large limb, sinking deep into the ground. This was near the place where Swartz and Williams had been clearing, and around the limb a large fire had been made. After a fall of snow, Mr. Zach Stephens, a brother-in-law of Henry Swartz, while hunting for some lost cattle, stepped into the hole made by the limb. He fell, and on withdrawing his foot found the lower jaw bone of a human being clinging to the heel of his boot. Suspecting the manner in which it had been placed there, he took it with him to Swartz's cabin, and holding it before the proprietor of the domicile, said: "Henry, do you know anything about this?" Swartz grew pale, but made no response. It was currently believed that he and Williams had killed the Indians and buried the remains.

Cyprian Lee, is universally accredited with being the first settler of Claibourne Township. He was heir to one-third of the Buller Claibourne Survey of 4,267 acres, and for his share took the southern third. The exact date of his settlement here is unknown, though it was some time between 1820 and 1825, and probably not far from the first-mentioned date.* Mr. Lee was from Delaware. He first came out about 1820, a young unmarried man, and to find and see the land he owned. He then returned to Delaware, married Elizabeth Cooper and returned to his backwoods home with his young wife. By trade he was a shoe-maker, and he followed the business to some extent in this township. In physique, he was short and muscular and quick in action. His was the first cabin built west of the Scioto River in this region, and the date of its erection was a gala day for the settlers on the river. It stood several miles south of Richwood on the south bank of Fulton Creek, a few rods west of the bridge on the Marysville pike. The men who helped raise the cabin were mostly from the Scioto River. Among them were John L. Swartz and his two sons, Henry and Abram, John B. and Zachariah Dilsaver, James Cochran, Sr., John Hurd, Russell Fields and William Gallant. The occasion was one of great hilarity, and the popular beverage flowed freely. It was proposed, when the cabin was completed, that the place of the settlement of Mr. Lee should be named. John L. Swartz, an old but jovial German, said, Boys, ketch Lee." Lee eluded their grasp for some time, but finally submitted with good grace to the ordinance of christening. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Swartz, who took a flask of whisky, and pouring the contents on the uncovered head of Lee, exclaimed with all the solemnity he could assume, "Vell, ve calls it Leesburg." The name survived the occasion and was afterward given to the new township formed from this and other territory. Mr. Lee did not remain on his farm here longer than a few years. He was elected County Treasurer, and removed to Marysville, where he engaged in business and became a prominent citizen.

The next three settlers were Edward Williams, Robert Cotrell and Henry Swartz. Each of them purchased a farm from Mr. Lee and settled in a cluster, neighbors to Lee. Of the three, Ned Williams, as he was familiarly called, was the first to arrive, probably about 1822. He bought 100 acres from Mr. Lee and settled on it with his wife, Rebecca (Wilson), and children, Sally and Wilson. He was a hard working, industrious farmer, and keenly enjoyed hunting, and often engaged in it, and who was somewhat addicted to the practice, then quite common, of indulging freely in the products of the still. He died suddenly while on his way with a load of wheat to Portland, Lake Erie. His widow after a time removed to other parts.

To Robert Cotrell is accorded the honor of being the third settler within the present limits of Claibourne Township. He came, perhaps in 1823. A native of Virginia, he emigrated to Ohio and tarried for a space of two or three years on the west bank of the Scioto River, in Delaware County, about two miles up the river from the mouth of Bokes Creek. He rented property here and farmed industriously, then bought 100 or more acres from Mr. Lee. He had married Elizabeth Tyler in Virginia, and had two children when he emigrated to Ohio, and several were born since their arrival in this State. They were Richard, Samuel, Gabriel, Eliza (Dilsaver), Jane (Lindsley) and Susanna (Kaiser). Mr. Cotrell was a small, rather slightly built man, but active and fond of fun. He owned only the few chattels which his neighbors did during the first years of his settlement, but when he was in a jovial mood he took delight in recounting to strangers the large amount of stock and other property he claimed to possess. The County Assessor visited him one year, and Mr. Cotrell was not aware of his official position. To the inquiries as to the extent of his personal wealth, he answered so much in accordance with the view of humor which then possessed him that his taxes were much greater than those of his neighbors. After some opposition, he paid the amount, but the experience made him more wary with strangers thereafter. All in all he was an industrious and upright man. He died on the place he first settled in Claibourne Township.

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*See account of Cyprian Lee in history of Marysville, this volume.

Henry Swartz was born in Pennsylvania and emigrated with his father, John L. Swartz, to Highland County, Ohio; thence they moved to the Scioto River, in Delaware County. Henry Swartz there married Ann Stevens, purchased a forest farm from Cyprian Lee just north of the Sidle Methodist Protestant Church, and built his cabin northeast of Fulton Creek. The cabins of his three neighbors—Lee, Williams and Cotrell—were south of the creek. Mr. Swartz moved over to his new home about 1823 or 1824. He is described as being a tall, well-formed man, very strong, aggressive, not the least cowardly, and, withal, a kind, clever man. He had been a soldier in the war of 1812, and understood the Indian character very well and had no love for it. He was a great hunter, killing from sixty to eighty deer in a season and cutting as many as seventy bee trees in a single fall, besides taking a considerable amount of other game. He sold the farm he first purchased in this township and bought another just north of Richwood, where he lived a few years. He was also in business for a short time in Richwood, but at last removed to Defiance County, where he died at a ripe old age.

The Clarks, four brothers—James, George, Henry and John—probably made the next settlement in Claibourne Township. The first three became the holders of 1,675 acres of land off the north part of the Buller Claibourne survey, just east of Richwood, divided it among themselves and settled on it in 1826. They were from Amherst County, Va., and about 1822 emigrated to Miami County, Ohio, where they remained two years and then journeyed to the Scioto River in Delaware County. Two years later they entered upon their extensive land possessions. George came first. He was an old bachelor, and died on the place at the age of more than eighty years. Henry was married to Mary Fay, in 1824, in Delaware County. After residing in Claibourne Township for some time, he sold his property to Louis Hedges and removed to Illinois, where he died. James married Sarah Wilson, sold his land to Jacob Beem and took up his residence in Delaware County, where he died. John Clark came to Ohio in 1816 and settled first in Miami County. He remained there until 1824, when he removed to Delaware County. Four years afterward he purchased from one of his brothers a small place two and a half miles east of Richwood and settled there. He died in Delaware County, in 1850, aged seventy-seven years.

Mrs. Sarah Touguet, a sister of the Clarks, and widow, came with her eight children to Claibourne Township in 1826, and made the cabin of her bachelor brother, George Clark, her home. Four of the eight children still survive—Clarka, the wife of Maj. John Calloway, Henry, of Logan County, John A. J., in this, and Steward in Jackson Township.

David Field, a colored man, received 100 acres of land from Cyprian Lee for two years' labor and settled on it about 1826. He was born a slave, given his freedom and brought to Delaware County when a boy by John Mark. He was a strong, muscular man, and would not bear imposition. For a while he was industrious and economical, but through sickness his farm became involved and he finally lost it. He never regained any property and died a pauper in an adjoining county.

Nathaniel Wilson came from Ross County, Ohio, about 1830, and settled on the Cyprian Lee farm. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and by religious affiliation a Presbyterian. His four children were Joseph, William, Elizabeth, who married William Touguet and Sally, the wife of James Clark. Mr.

Wilson afterward moved to Richwood, and after a time departed and took up his abode in some other locality.

John Smith, or "Buffalo Smith," as he was universally called, a large, rough character, rough in physique and rough in manners, but kind hearted, took a "squatter's" claim on 100 acres in the Lee settlement very early and lived there for awhile. He then removed to Marion County.

The Henry Swartz place, three miles south of Richwood, was purchased by Henry Shisler, a German, who came to Claibourne from Licking County about 1832. His children were John, William, Sarah (Beem), Mary (Rose), Elizabeth (Sturdevant), Lydia and Anna (Reed).

Eleazor Rose, his son-in-law, came about the same time and settled upon the same farm. He, too, was born in Licking County. After tilling the soil a number of years at this place, he removed to a farm on Rush Creek, and there spent the remainder of his life.

Basil Bridge, in 1834, bought a farm of 114 acres, now the L. Myers place, just southeast of Richwood, from one of the Clarks, and settled upon it with his large family. It was then a dense wilderness. He was a native of Canada, but moved to New York in 1812 and enlisted in the American Army, though then but sixteen years old. In 1814, he married Almira Warner, a native of Vermont, and in 1815 emigrated to Ohio, settling in Ames Township, Athens County; thence he removed to the Scioto River in Delaware County, and to Claibourne in 1834. He died in 1859 in Marion County. His widow survived until December, 1874. Of their ten children, the oldest, Sarah Jane, the wife of John Dilsaver, is the only resident of Union County.

Zerah Lindsley, in the autumn of 1832, removed to Claibourne from Thompson Township, Delaware County, but not liking the country remained only till the following spring. Fifty acres of land then sold for one horse and the labor of splitting 1,000 rails. Mr. Lindsley now resides at Richwood.

Thomas Andrews, a German, came from Licking County about 1830 or 1832 and settled on what is now the Elijah Harris place, about one and a fourth miles south of Richwood. His wife was Phœbe, a sister of Ebenezer Rose; his children were Hiram, Peter, Phœbe and Elizabeth. Mr. Andrews sold his farm and removed to Marion County. He ultimately emigrated to Iowa and died there.

Adam Andrews, a cousin of the above, came about the same time and from the same place. He settled on a farm just south of Richwood, now owned and occupied by J. A. Phillips. He soon after sold it to Adam Dilsaver and moved West.

Adam Dilsaver came to Claibourne about 1832 from Fairfield County, after stopping a short time in Delaware County until he could look up a good location. His wife was Sally (Winstead), and his three children, Harrison, Elizabeth, and Ann Maria. After living for a few years on the place he had purchased from Mr. Andrews, he removed with his family to Winnebago County, Ill.

John Dilsaver, in December, 1835, settled on the farm which he still owns, about two miles south of Richwood. He had married Jane Bridge July 14 preceding. He was born in Fairfield County in 1806, and about 1812 emigrated with his father, Michael Dilsaver, to the Scioto River in Delaware County. John remained here, working out some, however, in this township, until his marriage and settlement on his own farm. He was reared on the frontier, and in his youth wore deer-skin clothes, the usual garb of the backwoodsmen of that day. From the earnings of manual daily labor, he saved means enough to purchase his land, and has since accumulated more. He raised his family on this farm and is still a resident thereon, one of the old and highly esteemed pioneers of this locality.

Adam Imbody, about 1835, settled about three miles south of Richwood, north of Fulton Creek, on the farm now owned by D. A. Bigelow. He was a German, and had emigrated from the State of New York. He brought with him his wife and four children, and reared a large family. He moved afterward to Marion County and died there.

As will be noticed, all the above settlers occupied farms on the Buller Claibourne Survey. Most of the other surveys were not yet in market, the proprietors doubtless withholding them for higher prices than were then current. Between 1835 and 1840, the settlements became more scattering, and at the later date dotted all parts of the township.

Among the most important settlements was that of the Grahams. Samuel Graham, son of John and Jane Graham, was born in Jefferson County November 3, 1800. From Jefferson he removed to Carroll County, and from it to White-Eyes Township, Coshocton County, with his parents, while yet in his youth. He was married October 16, 1821, to Sarah Butterfield, who was born in Fayette County, Penn., July 22, 1803, and came to Carroll County when two years old, with his parents. Mr. Graham remained in Coshocton County, engaged in farming, until 1836. In June of that year, he purchased 100 acres, just northwest of Richwood, from Henry Swartz, and in the following September moved to it with his family. He continued to reside on this farm until his death, which occurred by accident on the railroad, April 13, 1864. Mr. Graham had occasion to visit Marion. The railroad was then in process of building and he received permission to travel on the construction train. On his return trip, the weather was severe and the car upon which he was riding, with others, an open one. He was walking back and forth from one car to another to dispell the numbing sensation of cold, when a sudden jerk of the cars threw him beneath the wheels and he was instantly crushed. He had been an upright man, and was a consistent member of the Methodist Protestant Church for thirty-three years. Of his twelve children, three died young; John, is a Methodist Episcopal minister at Richwood; Margaret is the wife of William Fisher, of this township; Thomas B., a Methodist Protestant minister, is now at North Lewisburg, Ohio; Samuel P.. died in Illinois in 1865; Francis M., died two years ago; Lydia Ann, occupies the old homestead; Joel D., resides in this township; William J., enlisted in the service and died in the Louisville, Ky., Hospital; Martha, wife of Benjamin A. Snowden, resides in Claibourne Township.

In 1837, John and Jane Graham, the parents of Samuel, moved from Coshocton County and settled on a farm of 100 acres in the woods about one mile southwest from Richwood. Mr. Graham was born in Pennsylvania, and was of Scotch-Irish descent; his wife was a native of Ireland, emigrating to America when seven years old. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Graham died about 1848 or 1849. His wife preceded him to the grave two years.

John P. Graham, in September, 1836, accompanied his brother Samuel from Coshocton County and settled on an adjoining farm of 100 acres. It was then wholly unimproved, and he paid for it $3 per acre. Mr. Graham died at this place. His widow, Mrs. Eliza Graham, still survives. Their children are Jane, Abigail, William, Hannah, Margaret, John L., Isaac, Francis and Marion, some of whom lived in Claibourne Township.

Samuel Livingston, from Coshocton County, about 1839 settled on a small farm one and one-fourth miles southwest from Richwood, where he is still living at a venerable old age. He followed farming and blacksmithing. His wife was Jane Graham. Mr. Livingston furnished five boys for the service during the rebellion, and all returned uninjured.

Daniel Swartz, in October, 1834, purchased from Philip Plummer fifty acres of land, situated just north of Richwood, and he moved to it at once. He was born in Pennsylvania, but had emigrated when quite young with his father to Highland County, near Hillsboro. He died March 9, 1842, of consumption, aged forty-two years, leaving a wife and five children. The former. Mrs. Susan Swartz, aged eighty-three years, is still residing at the old place.

Peter Grace, in March, 1837, came from Licking County with his wife Nancy, and children, and settled one and a half miles west of Richwood, where he still owns and occupies a small place. He was at one time a minister of the New Light Christian faith, but afterward became a Methodist Protestant, and later of the Disciple Church.

In the western part of the township one of the earliest settlements was made by John Cahill. He there accumulated a large property and became one of the leading, energetic and influential citizens of the northern part of the county.

William Hamilton was one of the early pioneers of Claibourne Township and for a period of almost thirty years one of the foremost men of Union County. He was born near Morgantown, Va., in 1789. In 1807, he emigrated with his father, William Hamilton, Sr., to Muskingum County, Ohio, arriving at their pioneer home on his eighteenth birthday. Here his energies were developed by his assistance in clearing the densely timbered land and reducing it to a well-improved farm. He acquired extensive possessions, and in 1837 sold his large farm with the expectation to locate farther in the west. For one season he tarried in Licking. He then purchased from Cadwallader Wallace his survey of 1,000 acres, northwest of Richwood, paying $3,600 for it, and reached Claibourne Township, April 30, 1838. The survey was afterwards found to contain nearly 1,400 acres. Mr. Hamilton remained at Richmond until he could build a log house, when he at once moved into it and remained its occupant till his decease. This large tract was as yet untouched by the woodman's ax, and the arduous labor of again developing a farm devolved upon him. He was a man possessed of energies greatly superior to those of average mankind, and carried an enthusiasm and determination into whatever enterprise he undertook which insured its success. In physique he was large and powerful. Though not cultured, he was thoroughy honest and public spirited, and was perhaps more influential in creating a healthy moral atmosphere in his community, by his example and teachings, of his withering denunciation of whatever was mean and contemptible, than any other individual. His spirit was chivalrous, and to the weak or oppressed he was unusually kind. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church and for nearly forty years a local minister of this faith. In politics, he was strongly Whig, and later in life a Republican. He had served in Muskingum County as Commissioner and filled the same office in Union County. It was to his exertions and labors, largely, that the Infirmary farm was purchased and building erected. His death occurred August 12, 1867. Mr. Hamilton had been twice married. By his first wife, Miss Ewing, he had four children—Elizabeth, Samuel, William and Benjamin. Elizabeth, married Jacob C. Sidle, a prominent farmer of Claibourne; Samuel, is a farmer in Marshall County, Ill.; William, a farmer at Wenona, same county; Benjamin, died in Claibourne Township. The second wife was Lydia Springer. By this marriage there were eight children—Cornelius S. (deceased), an attorney of Marysville; John W., Professor of Surgery at the Columbus Medical College; Joseph H., a Methodist Protestant Minister, now at Mount Vernon, Ohio; Isaac N., a physician, at Marysville; Horatio C., of Richwood; George B., a farmer of Claibourne; Susan R. (deceased); and Thomas B., a physician, who enlisted as

George Coder

Surgeon in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Regiment, and died at Memphis, Tenn., in 1865.

Lazarus Hartley accompanied Mr. Hamilton from Licking County, conveying his family and effects to the new home in a two-wheeled cart. He leased a farm on the Hamilton tract and assisted greatly in clearing it. Mr. Hartley was illiterate but possessed a remarkable memory. Whatever he saw or once heard was always remembered, and it became quite a custom in the neighborhood where he lived to refer any disputed matter of fact to him for settlement. He after awhile acquired a farm in Claibourne and some of his children now occupy it. His death occurred a few years ago.

Richard Ward came from Muskingum County with Mr. Hamilton and lived in the vicinity for ten or more years.

About 1835, Peter Jackson removed from Pickaway County and settled on a farm in Survey No. 7,008, on Peacock Run, three miles south of Richwood. His son occupied a portion of the same farm. After a few years, both, with their families, returned to Pickaway County.

Junkin Mulvain came about 1839 from White-Eyes Township, Coshocton County, and settled on a farm in Survey No. 6,307, about two miles west of Richwood. He was a large, tall man, and a good citizen, and died in this township.

Jacob Beem was born in Alleghany County, Md., and when twelve years old emigrated with his brother's family to Jersey Township, Licking County. He there married Phœbe Rose and in 1834 came to Claibourne Township, settling on a farm about two and one-half miles south of Richwood. Mr. Beem possessed a strong and hardy character, well fitted to cope with the difficulties incident to pioneer life. He remained a life-long and well-esteemed citizen of the township. His death occurred in December, 1878.

John Beem removed from Licking County to Claibourne in 1832, but a few years later sold his farm to Jacob Beem and emigrated to Webster County, Iowa.

Aaron Beem settled early, about one and one-half miles southeast of Richwood. The following settlers entered the township at some time prior to 1840, some of them several years before.

John Atwood was originally from Virginia, but came here from Muskingum County. He died on his farm about one and a half miles south of Richwood.

Alexander and George Cowgill, father and only son, came from Ross County, and dwelt for a time on Bokes Creek. They then settled in the southeast part of the township, where the father, Alexander, died. George removed to Jackson Township, and his family still resides there.

Michael Cramer from Knox County, settled just south of Richwood on land now embraced within the corporation limits. He was a farmer and died here. His son Michael removed to Marysville.

Abraham Decker was a Pennsylvanian by birth. He emigrated to this township a widower, with his children, and settled two or three miles east of Richwood. In a few years he removed to Mercer County.

Benjamin Fisher, now a resident of Richwood in his seventy-fifth year, in April, 1836, removed from near Mount Vernon, Ohio, to a farm one and a fourth miles west of Richwood. He had come the fall before with five or six men and built a cabin on the place. His brother-in-law, Atticus Neil, took immediate possession of it. Mr. Fisher occupied it during the spring of his removal until he had constructed a hewed-log house. At this time there were no settlers living between his farm and the village. He purchased 160 acres, paying for it $2.50 per acre. The York road was opened about the time he came. There had previously been a trail to the Miller settlement in York Township. His father, Larkin Fisher, came a few years later, but resided most of the time in Richwood.

Isaac Gearheart about 1835 took possession of a farm about a mile south of Richwood. He subsequently moved to Rush Creek, where he passed the remainder of his life.

Sylvester Grindle, formerly a resident of Pickaway County, settled about three miles west of Richwood, and by economy and frugality acquired considerable property.

Elisha Higbee was an early settler. He was a cooper by trade, and removed to Kenton. Subsequently he went to Hancock County.

Isaac Headley, from Coshocton County, settled about one and a half miles northeast from Richwood, and remained on his farm of 100 acres there through life. He followed carpentering to some extent in connection with farming.

Joseph Murphy in 1836 came from Allegheny County, Penn., and settled on the Joynes Survey, in the southwestern part of the township, near the site of Claibourne Village. He pursued the avocation of farming, and died on his farm in 1857. His widow, Mrs. Rebecca Murphy, still survives. A brother, Samuel Murphy, accompanied him to this home. He was an old bachelor, hunted a great deal, and died at Richwood in 1882, aged eighty-one years.

Charles Morse, probably about 1839, settled on a farm of 100 acres just north of Richwood. He was a Yankee, and afterward removed to Marysville.

Samuel Moses in 1835 changed his place of residence from St. Lawrence County, N. Y., to Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The year following he came to Jerome Township, Union County, and soon after settled on a farm in the eastern part of Claibourne, where he still resides aged eighty-one years. His wife, Sally, died in 1882, aged eighty-two years. Of their eleven children, eight grew to maturity.

Abraham and James Moses, brothers, and distantly related to Samuel Moses, were also early settlers of Claibourne. Abraham died about a mile east of Richwood and James moved to Mercer County.

Isaac D. Stewart, from Muskingum County, settled in the southern part of the township on Fulton Creek. He afterward moved to Iowa and died there.

William H. Sherman settled in the northeastern part of the township. He was from the eastern part of the State. Not liking Claibourne Township, he soon returned to his former place of residence. In answer to an inquiry as to the cause of his return, he said that the country was so wet that he could not find a dry spot large enough to set a hen, and had to use the stump of a tree for this purpose.

William and John Wynegar, two brothers, in 1837, came from Highland County and settled on adjoining farms in the wilderness, about three miles west of Richwood, south of the Summersville road. In 1852, John moved to Winnebago County, Ill.; and in 1882, to Kansas, where he now lives. William removed to Starke County, Ind., in 1864, and died there.

Tobias Robinson, about 1838, became a resident of the western portion of the township, where he remained until his death. He was from Pickaway County.

In 1837, John Warner, from Coshocton County, settled with his wife and one child in the southwestern portion of the township, near Claibourne Village. He subsequently emigrated to Iowa.

Martin Walters and Abram Taylor, brothers-in-law to Mr. Warner, in 1838 removed to the same part of Claibourne from Coshocton County. Mr. Taylor died there, leaving a family which is now scattered, and Mr. Walters moved West. In 1838, there were no settlements nearer than two or three miles to this group of pioneers.

The first road in the township was probably the one passing north and south through Richwood. About 1825, Cyprian Lee and Henry Swartz took the contract to cut this road from the southern to the northern line of the township. They only cleared away the under brush and small trees, leaving many obstacles in the shape of large timber. The road was made fifteen feet wide.

MILLING.

One of the serious problems that arose for solution in the pioneer times in Claibourne as well as every other newly settled locality, was how to reduce the corn and wheat to a degree of fineness sufficient for domestic purposes. The family of Henry Swartz for several weeks ground all the meal they used in a hand coffee mill. John Swartz, a settler on the Scioto River, was the happy owner of a little hand mill, upon which, by a vigorous exercise of muscle, a half bushel of grain might be reduced to a tolerably fine meal in several hours. It was much resorted to by Robert Cotrell and others of the earliest settlers.

Adam Dilsaver constructed a horse mill at his place a short distance south of Richwood, which was extensively used by his neighbors. His customers must furnish their own horse power, and as three or four horses were necessary to operate the cumbersome machinery, several would sometimes arrange to be there at one time in order to help each other; this, however, was rarely necessary. The capacity of the mill was so slight that it was usually in motion, and it was not uncommon for a farmer to start to mill at 2 o'clock in the morning in order to be first there, and consequently the first to have his wants attended to. Occasionally the mill would run all night.

Richard Irwin, whose farm was about one and a half miles east of Richwood, also had a horse mill. These mills were so almost interminably slow that they were used only during dry weather when there was no water power, or during muddy weather when the distant mills were inaccessible. Some pioneers preferred going forty miles to a good mill to using a horse mill, and this distance was sometimes traveled. A large four-horse load was once taken to a mill on Mad River in Champaign County, where the press of business was so great that several weeks elapsed before the hungry settlers in this vicinity obtained their grists. A mill on Owl Creek in Knox County, was occasionally visited, but usually the mills on Darby Creek were available. No water grist mills are known to have been in operation in Claibourne Township.

John Dilsaver operated a small tannery for a few years on his farm south of Richwood. Another was for a long time operated in Richwood by the sons of John Graham.

SCHOOLS.

A log cabin stood near the Sidle Methodist Protestant Church, a little northeast of it, which was built as a schoolhouse, and in which the first school in the township was held. The primitive pedagogue here was Mr. Lamphere, an aged man, who taught in various localities. The pupils were Ellison, James and Wilson Williams, Richard, Samuel and Eliza Cotrell, John A. and Elder Swartz, and perhaps the Wilson children and a few others from a distance. The term lasted only about two months.

Eleazor Rose was one of the earliest teachers in this locality. He dwelt in one apartment of a double log cabin, and in the other enlightened the understanding of the youth in this community. He was reputed an excellent teacher.

It would be impossible to make mention of the first teachers in all portions of the township. The schools have had a gradual growth from very small beginnings, like all other institutions, and have now attained an efficiency equal to that found anywhere else in the county.

SKETCH OF THE RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF CLAIBOURNE TOWNSHIP.*

Richwood and vicinity, in Claibourne Township, was early noted for the order, morality, and religious character of its citizens. When the writer, in 1836, first became acquainted in the place, it was understood that all the inhabitants were a sober,, church-going people. And this continued to be its reputation for many years.

The first minister of the Gospel who settled in the town was Rev. John Carney, of the Regular Baptist denomination. He was an old man when the writer first saw him, and appeared to be in declining health. His home was a little log cabin situated some rods south of where the Baptist Church now stands. He had no church organization of his own denomination, and was able to preach but occasionally. I think it was in 1838, he seemed to grow more feeble than usual, and it became apparent that his work on earth would soon be done, unless his health should improve. This did not occur. He seemed, however, to desire to use his little remaining strength in giving his dying testimony in favor of the truth. He therefore had word circulated that he wished his neighbors and friends to come to his little cabin on a certain Sunday and he would preach to them once more. At the time appointed they came. The old gentleman opened the service in the usual manner; and when the time for the sermon came, he introduced his subject by saying, "I will read for my text the first and second verses of the Scriptures." He then read Genesis, i, 1,2, and preached his last formal discourse on earth. Soon after, his health became so feeble he had to remain in the house, and not many weeks after, he quietly fell asleep. His neighbors and friends laid his body carefully and respectfully in the little village graveyard, where his dust still quietly waits the call of the resurrection of the just.

Another generation of the Baptist people in Richwood have very recently learned that the little graveyard lot, on a part of which their church stands, contains the unmarked grave of the pioneer minister of this community. They have inquired out the spot, and declared their purpose to mark and protect the precious trust. This is well. For it is an honor to any congregation to be permitted to guard the resting place of the man who first preached the Gospel in the wilderness—the harvest of whose seed-sowing they reap and enjoy.

As a fitting sequel to the above, it is proper now to say, that on March 24, 1878, the Regular Baptists, under the pastoral labors of Rev. W. R. Thomas, formally organized themselves into a church, according to the rules of their denomination, and thus adding one more church to Richwood's already fair supply. The names of the persons who entered into this organization were Thomas Phillips, S. Carter, Joseph Powell, Susan Landon, Elmos Langstaff, Jane Langstaff, William Ferguson, S. A. Ferguson, Anthony Trickey, Mary Trickey, Robert B. Cook, Mary A. Gooding, Clara Crabtree, Kim Crabtree, Amanda Hanby, Louisa Wooley, Elizabeth Blake, Anne Cain, W. H. Richards, Annie H. Richards, Martha Merritt, Zella Merritt, E. M. Lindsay, M. J. Lindsay, Eliabeth Eagans. The regular officers of this church have been: Deacons—W. H. Richards, Elmos Langstaff; Clerks—1st, William Ferguson; 2d, E. M. Devreaux; 3d, E. M. Lindsay; 4th, D. B. Willoughby; Treasurers—1st, S. S. Carter; 2d, W. H. Richards.

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* By Rev. John Graham, of Richwood.

The pastors of this church have been—1st, Rev. R. W. Thomas, two years; 2d, Rev. W. Wilbur, eighteen months; 3d, Rev. J. W. Scott, who commenced his pastorate September 1, 1881, and continued to the present time, December, 1882.

The places of worship that have been occupied by this church have been, first, Westheimer's Hall; second, Marriott's Hall; and third, their new church, which they erected and dedicated on the third Sabbath of September, 1882. This church is a neatly finished frame house, worth about $2,000, and paid for. The number of communicants in this church at the present time is forty-two. In September, 1880, this church organized a Sunday school, which has been regularly kept up, and is now in a prosperous condition.

This is the proper place to state that the colored members of the Regular Missionary Baptist denomination organized themselves into a church in Richwood, February 13, 1876, under the pastoral labors of Rev. L. B. Morse. The members who entered into the first organization were George Curry, I. Thornton, Bertie Curry, Lida Thornton, Joseph Williams, Lucinda Williams, N. V. Evans, Jordan Harrison, Fanny Harrison, Melvina Parker, Robert Malone, David Brown, Peter Snow. The officers of this church are: Deacons —N. V. Evans, R. Malone, D. Brown; Clerk—Jordan Harrison; Trustees—N. V. Evans, J. Harrison, J. Malone; Treasurer—Peter Snow. This church has built a good house of worship, worth $1,900, all paid for but about $125. This house was formally dedicated to the worship of God on the second Sunday in September, 1882. The communicants in the church now number thirty-six. They have organized and maintained a Sunday school.

The pastors of the church have been Rev. L. B. Morse, Rev. H. Clay, and Rev. Mr. Golliford, who serves the church at present.

Methodist Episcopal Church—The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in Richwood, October 17, A. D. 1835. William Phillips was the first Class Leader, and the following-named persons were the members of this class, to wit: William Phillips, Isabella Phillips, Mortimer Bentley, Nancy Bentley, Elsie Sirpless. Not long after the organization the following were added to the names above given: Sarah Woods, Margaret Brookins, Hezekiah Burdick, Catharine Burdick, Philip Plummer, Ann Maria Plummer, William Barkdull, Priscilla Barkdull, Adam Burge, Louis Burdick, Catharine Burdick.

The pastor of the church at the time of its organization was Rev. Warren Frazell. The Presiding Elder was William H. Raper. William Phillips was elected as first Steward of the newly formed church; also first Recording Steward of Richwood Circuit.

The first leaders' meeting of the church was held at Mr. Phillips' shop, with the pastor and class leader as the only members present. There was no church house of any denomination in Claibourne Township at the time this organization took place. The religious meetings, therefore, were held in such places as could be procured—sometimes in a shop, a storeroom, the little schoolhouse, or in the home of some of the members. These places were inconvenient, but the best that could be obtained at the time. The pastor next appointed in charge of the Richwood Circuit was Rev. Richard Doughty. He remained in the work but a short time; and when he left, the Presiding Elder, Rev. Jacob Young, employed Rev. Samuel M. Beatty, a local preacher, to take charge of the circuit. Mr. Beatty continued to serve the circuit until in August, 1836. Next after Mr. Beatty, Rev. Ebenezer T. Webster, a member of the Ohio Annual Conference, was appointed in charge of Richwood Circuit. He arrived with his family on his work sometime in the autumn of 1836. His home was in Richwood, and he and his family, devoted themselves earnestly to the service of the church. The circuit prospered under his ministry. He remained one year in charge of this work.

During the year 1837, the Methodist Episcopal, Church erected in Richwood the first house of worship in Claibourne Township. This house was built of hewed logs, about, I think, 28x36 feet in size. It was finished in the plainest style. Its seats were rude benches without backs to them. It was warmed by one stove, placed near the center of the building. It stood on or near the spot where the residence of A. J. Blake now stands. It was dedicated during the Quarterly Meeting services, held by Rev. Samuel Hamilton, August 14, 1837, Mr. Hamilton, having been sent by the Presiding Elder to hold the Quarterly Meeting in his stead. Mr. Hamilton's subject of discourse on Sunday morning was the return of the prodigal son. This effort was a very happy one; many wept, and many others rejoiced aloud—all were deeply impressed.

Next after Mr. Webster, Rev. R. S. Kimber was appointed as pastor in Richwood. He did not move his family into the bounds of the work. He remained in charge of this work two years. He labored very faithfully, and was fairly successful in promoting the interests of the church. During the latter part of his second year on the circuit, Mr. Kimber had to assist him in his work, Rev. John C. Havens. In August, 1839, Mr. Kimber, Mr. Havens and Rev. Jacob Young, the Presiding Elder, all closed up, for the present, their ministerial labors at Richwood.

In the latter part of August or first of September, 1839, Rev. Jacob A. Brown and Rev. Jesse Prior arrived in Richwood as pastors on the circuit. Mr. Brown settled his family in Richwood, and Mr. Prior his in Delhi. They both remained on the work one year, with Rev. Zachariah Connell as Presiding Elder. They were all faithful and successful in their work.

At the General Conference, in May, 1840, a change was made in the boundaries of the Ohio Annual Conference, to which Richwood Circuit, up to this time, had belonged, and the North Ohio Conference was organized, with Richwood within its limits. At the first session of this conference, which met in Norwalk, Ohio, in the month of August, Rev. George Armstrong was appointed to Richwood, with Rev. W. S. Morrow as his Presiding Elder. Mr. Armstrong moved to Richwood and commenced his labors immediately. Soon after the year began, the Presiding Elder employed Rev. W. S. Rowe to assist Mr. Armstrong in his work. These two men were earnest and faithful. Mr. Rowe remained on the work but a part of the year; and when he left, Rev. T. H. Wilson was employed to fill out the balance of the year. They had fair prosperity in their work.

Next after Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Wilson, R. S. Kimber was re-appointed to Richwood, with George S. Phillips as his co-pastor. They were pleasant gentlemen and faithful to their labors. In the latter part of August, 1842, Jesse Prior and William Boggs took charge of Richwood as pastors. They were cordially received by the people, and indications seemed to promise a year of prosperity. The year had not advanced far, however, till Mr. Prior, the senior pastor, began to preach the peculiar doctrines of Mr. Miller, who said "the world will come to its end in 1843." This new departure did not promote the harmony of the church, and controversy with dissensions abounded. Before this conference year ended, Mr. Prior withdrew from the Methodist Episcopal Church and identified himself with the newly organized sect, called "Second Adventists." Mr. Boggs proved true and faithful to the church, and did what he could to prevent disaster; and his efforts were so far successful that it was deemed best, by the authorities, to return him the second year to the charge. He was a judicious manager, a good preacher, and a devout man.

Joseph Jones was with him on the work during his second year. Mr. Jones was the senior in office. As near as I can now ascertain, the following is a correct list of the pastors who served the Methodist Episcopal Church in Richwood from 1844 to 1864, namely, Edward Williams, L. F. Ward, W. M. Spafford, B. Herbert, O. Burgess, A. Rumfield, J. Sterling, P. Plummer, F. W. Vertican, E. Hyatt, J. Frownfelter, S. D. Seymour, W. Knapp, P. Wareham, L. Herbert, L. L. Roberts, J. Blanpied, J. Good, J. M. Longfellow, J. Wykes, W. Lawrence, J. S. Deleal, H. M. Shaffer, J. K. Ford.

During the pastorate of Mr. Good and Mr. Longfellow, which lasted from 1856 to 1858, the most extensive revival of religion that this church has ever had in Richwood occurred. Almost 100 persons were converted and added to the church. During their pastorate, also, the old log-meeting house proved entirely insufficient to accommodate the wants of the church. They, therefore, took measures to secure the building of a new house of worship. The result is the present church, which is a substantial brick building, well situated, and well furnished. It is large enough to accommodate the congregation, and is worth about $6,000. The present membership of this church is a little over 200. Its present pastor is Rev. D. Bowers.

The church has kept up a working, successful Sunday school from near the time of its first organization. It is now in prosperous working order. It has twenty-five officers and teachers, and 160 scholars.

The ladies of the church have kept up, for the last nine years, an efficient, earnest, working organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The society is now prospering. The church is doing good work.

Early in the history of Claibourne Township, there was a small society of the Methodist Episcopal Church organized some three miles west of Richwood, in what was known as the Wynegar neighborhood. They never built a house of worship. They kept up a feeble existence for some thirty years; but finally disbanded. Its old members are either dead or removed to other parts; and some have united with churches in other places. A church organization without a place of worship, or some convenient place for meeting, is like a family without a home—it cannot prosper.

The Methodist Protestant Church was formally organized in Richwood, September, 1836. John B. Lucas was its pastor at the time; and Samuel Graham was its first Class Leader. The names of its first members were Samuel Graham, Sarah Graham, John P. Brookins, Margaret Brookins, John Woods, Sarah Woods, John P. Graham, Eliza Graham, Jane Houk, Jane B. Coffee. Its first place of worship was the little log schoolhouse which stood in the northeast part of town. Within some two years after its organization, there were important additions to the membership of the church in the persons of Rev. William Hamilton, Lydia Hamilton, Samuel Hamilton, Nancy Hamilton, Benjamin Hamilton. These persons moved into the neighborhood, having been members of the church in Muskingum County, and joined by letter.

I think it was in the winter of 1839 and 1840 that Rev. John M. Young, assisted by a number of other ministers, held a revival meeting for the Methodist Protestant Church in Richwood, which was very successful. In it were converted the following-named persons who afterward became distinguished John W. Hamilton, now Professor of Surgery in the Medical College in Columbus; Joseph M. Hamilton, who has long been a leading minister in his church in the Muskingum Conference; T. B. Graham, who has for many years been a prominent minister in the Ohio Conference, and I. N. Hamilton, who is local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a physician. Many others were converted in this meeting who have proved faithful —some of whom have gone to the better land. This revival was probably farther reaching in its results than any other ever held in Richwood by this denomination. It was held in the Methodist Episcopal house of worship. After diligent inquiry, I have failed to obtain a consecutive list of the ministers who served this church in the early years—one of whom I remember, but I cannot recall his name. He treated this congregation to a surprise which was rather pleasant. He was preaching in the old schoolhouse one Sunday morning, when very unexpectedly Rev. Ziba Brown, with Miss Jane B. Coffee on his arm, walked into the house. Mr. Brown stepped into the pulpit and sat down behind the minister who was preaching. Miss Coffee sat down in the congregation. When the sermon was ended, the minister said—"There is a case of matrimony to be attended to. The parties will please present themselves." Whereupon Mr. Brown stepped down to where Miss Coffee sat, took her on his arm, they two presented themselves before the minister, and he, after requiring them to "plight their vows each to the other," pronounced them "husband and wife together." He then dismissed the congregation. All were pleased.

As soon as the possibility for better accommodations than the old schoolhouse afforded could be seen, the members began to plan for a new church. As near as I can now ascertain, they commenced getting materials ready in the winter of 1839 and 1840; and they got the house so it could be occupied by some time in 1842. This house was built of hewed logs; and was in size, about 30x35 feet. When finished, it was the largest public room in the north part of Union County. The first seats in it were plain benches with no backs to them. When the house was about ready for occupancy, a serious question arose as to how it should be warmed. There were no stoves for sale in or near Richwood, and there was then no railroad on which to order one brought. The problem was finally solved, by the members contributing wheat enough, when sold, to pay for a stove; and Mr. Samuel Graham, accompanied by Rev. William Hamilton, hauled the wheat in a wagon to Granville, in Licking County, and traded it for a stove. They brought this stove back with them in their wagon, and placed it in the church.

As I can find no records that give a consecutive list of the early ministers who served this congregation of Christians, I give from my own memory, and the memory of others, as near a correct list as I am able to produce: Jonathan Flood, Sr., was one of the earliest, R. M. Dolby was another who preached in the old schoolhouse. Soon after him were Isaac Hunt, Louis Hicklen, David Moore, Joshua I. Devore, Isaac Edwards, Ziba Brown, O. P. Stevens, John Inskeep, J. H. Webster, Lyman Ensminger and John B. Peat. These had all served the church here previous to the close of 1848. From 1847 to 1850, the brothers, S. H. Flood and J. M. Flood, served the church. Under their labors extensive revivals of religion occurred, and many were added to the church. In 1851, O. P. Stevens again served this people. After him T. D. Howe, D. Kinney, M. V. B. Evans.

About 1858, it became apparent to this congregation that their old log house was not up with the improved condition of the country; they, therefore, set about providing more commodious accommodations for themselves. They got ready for dedication on the 17th day of July, 1859, a very pleasant, substantial, neat, brick house, large enough to meet all their wants. This house cost something over $2,000; and would have been sufficient to the present time, but for the fact it was consumed in a fire that occurred in April, 1875. The present house occupied by this church is built on the foundation of the one that was burned; and is a neat, well finished, well furnished, brick structure, worth some $5,000. This church was constituted a station at the Annual Conference which met in the summer of 1865: and its first Quarterly Confer-

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ence, as a station, was held in the church in Richwood, November 4, the same year. The official members who constituted this Quarterly Conference were: T. B. Graham, Pastor; Rev. D. Kinney, Rev. W. Hamilton. Laymen —J. T. Lenox, John Woods, E. Norris, J. S. Gill, L. Myers, J. A. Cook, G. B. Hamilton, Cyrus Landon. The officers of the conference were J. Lawson, Chairman; W. H. Ferguson, Secretary. This station has been continuously kept up till the present time. Its history has been one of fair prosperity; and it now has a good reputation in the community. Its present pastor is Rev. E. G. Brumbaugh. Its membership numbers a little more than 200 communicants. This church has kept up a prosperous Sunday school most of the time since its first organization. This school is now doing well.

The ladies of the church keep up an efficient working organization for the promotion of "Foreign Missions." The officers of this society are: President—Mrs. J. Tucker; Vice President—Mrs. B. C. Hamilton; Treasurer—Mrs. Marion Hamilton, now deceased; Secretary—Miss E. Simpson.

As near as I can now ascertain, some time in the year 1848 Rev. John B. Peats organized a society of Methodist Protestants two and one-half miles south of Richwood, in Claibourne Township, and named the organization "Bethlehem Church." The names of the members who went into this organization were—Rev. J. C. Sidle, Elizabeth Sidle, David Burns, Mary Burns, Michael and Permelia Brown, John and Mary Swartz, Jacob Wilds, Allen Wynegar. This organization soon increased in numbers until nearly sixty persons were accepted as communicants. They worshiped for a time in the schoolhouse and such other places as could be temporarily obtained. As soon as their financial circumstances would justify them in doing so, they proceeded to erect for themselves a comfortable frame meeting house, near the east bank of Fulton Creek, on some two acres of ground, donated by Rev. J. C. Sidle, as a site for the church and burying ground for the dead. This church was erected in 1855, is still used by the society as their place of worship, is worth some $1,400, and is known as Bethlehem Church. A Sunday school is usually kept up in it. The present pastor of this church is Rev. Mr. Cramer.

The Claibourne Church of this denomination is situated near the southwest corner of the township. It was built in 1880, under the pastoral labors of Rev. Mr. Elliott. It is a neat frame house, and has in it an energetic, enterprising organization of worshipers. This church is the outgrowth of what was known as the Stires' Society of pioneer days.

Christian Church.—The Christian Church has an organization and a house of worship in the southeast corner of Claibourne Township, which is known on the records of the denomination as the Thompson Church. It was originally located in Thompson Township, in Delaware County, but its house of worship in that place being burned down some thirteen years ago, the congregation built their house on its present site. This house is worth $1,000, and has in it as worshipers about seventy communicants. Its present pastor is Rev. A. C. Carras.

The Church of the Disciples was established in Richwood during the first years of the existence of the town; but so far as I can find there are no records of its early history preserved. My personal acquaintance with its doings began in the latter months of 1836; and between this date, and 1840, the following-named persons were known as members of this church: Rev. Isaac Cade and Mrs. Cade, Charles Cade, Aaron Beem, Mrs. Beem, Benjamin Beem, B. Bridge, Mrs. Bridge, T. Warner Bridge, Charles Morse, Elvira Morse, Ira Morse, Mrs. Morse, Isaac Headly, Nancy Headly, Eveline Headly, Angeline Headly, Henry Swartz, Nancy Swartz, R. Elder Swartz, John P. Graham, Eliza Graham, Peter Grace, Nancy Grace, Mrs. John Dilsaver. These twenty-seven persons, to whom not long afterward were added Jacob Reed and Mrs. Reed, Joseph Cameron and Mrs. Cameron and Jesse Reed, constituted the pioneer church of this denomination. Rev. Isaac Cade was their recognized minister for many years. I think he received no stated salary. He was a man of good character, honest and upright. He was a man of not much learning, but read his Bible carefully, and was ready in quoting its contents. There were other ministers who often assisted Mr. Cade in the services of the church, but they were mostly traveling evangelists, whose names I cannot now recall. The meetings of this church for a number of years were held mostly in the little log schoolhouse which stood near the northeast corner of the town. As near as I can now ascertain, the first house of worship erected by this denomination in Richwood was built about 1850 or 1852. It was a small frame building worth about $800, and is still occupied as their place of worship. They have, however, recently purchased a very eligible lot on which they contemplate erecting in the near future, a commodious house to be dedicated to the worship of God. The number of communicants in this church is now about eighty. Their present pastor's name is W. L. Neal.

The officers of this church are: Elders—George W. Taylor, Thomas Prosser; Deacons—W. H. Moses, E. Collier; Trustees—L. H. Stephenson, I. H. Graham, W. H. Moses; Clerk—W. H. Moses.

This church has a living, working Sunday school, which meets each Lord's Day at 9:30 o'clock, A. M. Number in attendance average about fifty.

The ladies of this church are organized into a "Society of Christian Workers," whose object is to look after and help the poor, and to raise funds to pay for furnishing of the new church when it shall be ready to receive its furniture. They meet weekly. The officers are: President—Mrs. M. B. Collier; Vice President—Mrs. T. E. McGee; Treasurer—Mrs. M. M. Marriot.

Presbyterian Church.—As a proper introduction to the following history of the Presbyterian Church it should be recorded that the second minister who preached in Richwood was Rev. Mr. Perigreen, a Welsh Presbyterian, from Delaware County. He commenced visiting the place soon after the town began to be settled, and preached for a time, but did not organize a church. After him, in 1837 to 1840, a Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Marysville, preached occasionally in Richwood; also Rev. Mr. Galbraith, who was then preaching at Milford, this county. But no organization was attempted till the one accounted for below.

Presbyterian Church of Richwood organized June 20, 1874, by Rev. H. Shedd, assisted by visiting ministers, Rev. W. G. Marck and Rev. D. D. Waugh, and Elder A. McNeal, of York Church. The members that went into the first organization were: John Landen, James Landen, Rebecca Landen, Elizabeth Long, Milton M. Shipley, Ann Shipley, Mary Jane Best, Essay Ann Best, Rachel E. Rowe, Ransler Parsons, Samuel M. Landen, Mary E. Landen, Abbica Landen, W. L. Curry, M. J. Curry, J. Dennons.

The following-named persons were elected to fill the offices of the church, viz.: Elders—M. M. Shiple and John Landen; Trustees—W. L. Curry, John Landen, and Ransler Parsons; Secretary—W. L. Curry; Treasurer—James Landen.

The following ministers have served the church since its organization—Rev. H. Shedd, Rev. Charles S. Wood, Rev. C. W. Torrey, Rev. R. C. Colmery, Rev. John McDowell.

For the first six years of its organization this church worshiped in Burgner's Hall. From that time to the present, a period of three years, in Cants' Hall. During these years there were received into the church as communicants, seventy-seven. There have been dismissed from the church by removals, deaths, etc., twenty-two, leaving the present number of communicants, fifty-five.

Soon after the organization of the church, this congregation organized a Sabbath school, which has been reglarly maintained ever since. It now numbers—officers and teachers, twelve; scholars, seventy-five. The school is now, and has been from the first, a great source of spiritual strength to the church.

There has been no marked periods of revival in the history of this church, but its growth has been gradual and constant—the result of patient and continuous effort. Financially, the church is now out of debt, and, spiritually, it is in the most hopeful condition.

CEMETERIES.

The earliest place of interment within the township was the one now most extensively used—at the Sidle Methodist Protestant Church, two miles south of Richwood. It is on the land which formerly belonged to Henry Swartz, and burials were commenced while the place was yet in the midst of a deep wilderness. Henry Swartz buried two small children here, and the deceased of his neighbors' families found their "eternal resting place" in the same secluded spot. The burials of Mr. Garner, John Logue, Mrs. Ira Bennett and Mrs. Rose were among the first. When Jacob C. Sidle became the proprietor of this farm, he donated an acre for a cemetery. Afterward it came within the charge of the Township Trustees, and they made additions to its limits. The grounds are located on rising land, and now receive the remains of "the departed" from Richwood and the surrounding country.

The old graveyard, in Richwood, is no longer used for burial purposes.

At the Lenox Schoolhouse, one and a fourth miles northwest of Richwood, William Hamilton donated a lot for a cemetery, which is still used to some extent.

Another small graveyard, now abandoned, was situated on the Graham farm, just northwest of Richwood.

At Stony Point, in the western part of the township, is a graveyard, where the dead of that vicinity are interred.

CLAIBOURNE.

Claibourne is the newest village in the county, and, though yet in its infancy, bids fair to surpass, in size and prosperity, some of the earlier settled villages. It is situated in the extreme southwestern part of Claibourne Township, on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad. The plat was surveyed March 14, 1881, by Frederick J. Sager, and contains ten and three-fourths acres, divided into thirty-nine lots. William Jolliff, Jr, was the proprietor. He made an addition of five lots, March 4, 1882. G. M. Warner was the first resident of the place who anticipated the location of a village. He was appointed Postmaster in August, 1879, a position which he yet retains, and in September of the same year opened a stock of general merchandise in a building which he had just erected. Through his exertions and representations, the railroad company laid a side-track, and during the winter of 1880–81 built and opened a station. The first dwellings were erected in 1881. About fifteen families compose the population. One physician, Dr. T. F. Wurtsbaugh, is in practice here. The village contains a saw mill, owned by Bell & Shearer, a shoe shop, a blacksmith shop, one hotel, a millinery store and two general stores. A neat brick school building has just been erected, and a Methodist Protestant Church is close by. The village is six miles distant from Richwood.

RICHWOOD.

Richwood, the second town in size and importance in Union County, is located in the central part of Claibourne Township. It is a wide-awake, business place, with an enterprising, public-spirited class of citizens, and for many years has competed successfully in trade with larger towns in surrounding counties. Its streets are broad and regularly laid out. Substantial and spacious business blocks are being constantly added to the number already erected, and the indications of a prosperous, active town are everywhere manifest. It has just completed its first half-century of existence. For thirty years its growth was slow; during the last two decades, it has been more rapid. Its success is due, principally, to the building of the railroad through the place. A fine agricultural region surrounds the town, and the facilities for commerce, which the railroad afforded, made it at once the center of a large and widely-extended trade. The population in 1840 was 99; in 1870, mainly through the growth of the last few years, it had reached 436; in 1880, it was 1,317, a ratio of increase rarely attained.

Philip Plummer was the proprietor of Richwood. He had come into possession of the William Pelham Survey, No. 6,307, of 1,200 acres, or the greater part of it, and in the summer of 1832 visited it, from Mount Vernon, Ohio, with his brother, Thomas Plummer, Elisha Merriot and Dr. John P. Brookins, a physician in search of a good location for practice. They traveled in a large two-horse wagon, and stopped on the way overnight at Daniel Swartz's house on the Scioto River. The village was surveyed and platted in the midst of a dense wilderness, August 8, 9 and 10, 1832, by Thomas G. Plummer, Special Deputy Surveyor, under the direction of the County Surveyor, Levi Phelps; and the plat was acknowledged before Ira Wood, Justice of the Peace, August 20, 1832. They all returned to Mount Vernon, and soon after Philip Plummer and Dr. Brookins returned to Richwood.

The original plat contains a full description of the location; stating that it is situated in a tract of land known as "Richwoods," about four miles west of the Scioto River, at the head-waters of Ottaway Run, on a broad and beautiful knob of table-land, unsurpassed in fertility. The distances from many towns and cities are minutely given, and it is said that "the signs, by timber, of the fertility of the soil in the Richwoods are beech, blue ash, gray ash, black ash, hackberry or hoop ash, mulberry, wild cherry, black walnut, white walnut, white oak, red oak, buckeye, honey locust, lyden tree, coffee tree, a species of mahogany, hickory, red elm, white elm, sugar or hard maple, soft maple, box elder and dogwood, with a copse wood of spice brush and prickly ash, burning bush, grape vine, bladder bush and bramble. The herbage is principally maiden hair, pea vine, yellow root, ginseng, Indian and madder, etc. The soil is of the richest loam, mixed in a small proportion of sand; the substratum is limestone and gravel, mixed with clay. The town plat is at an elevation of from fifteen to twenty feet above the bottom."

The plat covered an area of 44.788, acres, was 84 poles and 1 foot square, bearing north 17½ degrees west, or south 17½ degrees east, and north 72½ degrees east, or south 72½ degrees west. The principal street, north and south, was Franklin, 100 feet wide, with Fulton and Clinton streets, each five poles wide, parallel with it, the former west and the latter east of it. The three streets east and west were Blagrove, Ottaway and Bomford; Ottaway, one hundred feet wide, the other two five poles. There were four alleys running each way, each one pole wide. The lots on Franklin and Ottaway streets, Nos. 1 to 112 inclusive, were each eight poles long and two wide; the lots on the other streets, Nos. 113 to 152 inclusive, were eight by four poles in size. Besides these, there were sixteen outlots, each eight poles square, four at each corner of the plat.

A reservation was made of timber not exceeding one foot in diameter that stood fifteen feet in front of the line of lots on Franklin and Ottaway streets as shade trees, and all timber of the same size that stood twelve feet in front of the line of lots on Bomford, Blagrove, Fulton and Clinton streets.

The following donations of lots for public purposes were made: Lots 13 and 69, on Franklin street, to the first and second fire companies that might be organized, to consist of fifty or more persons each, and own engine and hose, or buckets and ladders; Lot 44, to the town for a public library, when it would appoint trustees and own 200 volumes of useful and miscellaneous publications; Lot 100, to the town for a museum, as soon as a council of fifteen members would be legally organized and appoint a naturalist to take charge of it; Lots 117 and 118, to the Mayor and Town Council as soon as the town was chartered; Lots 137 and 138, for a market-place for the town and country people; Lots 122, 123, 142 and 143, for common schools; Outlot 5, for a place of worship for the people of town of all denominations together, to be managed and regulated and organized on the 4th of July and at Christmas by the whole people together; Outlot 14, a botanical garden, to the literary, scientific and medical men when they would form a society of one hundred or more members, the lots to be completely under the control of the Town Conncil, when properly organized, or a majority of the whole people, composing a number of two hundred or more. By an act of the State Legislature, passed a number of years before Richwood was incorporated, the ownership of all these lots was restored to Philip Plummer and his heirs.

In 1832, but three families settled in the new, forest-covered village; those of Philip Plummer, John P. Brookins and Absalom Carney. Philip Plummer was born in Maryland, and emigrated from that State to Mount Vernon, Ohio. Some time after he came to Richwood, he became a Methodist minister, and preached for a number of years at Richwood and elsewhere. He afterward returned to Mount Vernon with his family, and there died. He was a man of moral principles and temperate habits, but did not possess that kind of nature to accumulate and retain property. His character is differently estimated by persons who knew him. Mr. William Philips, one of the earliest pioneers of Richwood, thus speaks of him: "Mr. Plummer was a man of taste and refinement, and loved good society, so, while the better class of people appreciated him, there were those who disliked him. He was kind and obliging; ready to do anything in his power to help along new comers. He made it a point to go from one cabin to another to encourage them and reconcile them to the privation that must be endured by the pioneer. In this he seldom failed. He was an excellent talker. He was a thorough temperance man, and, selling lots, he would sell to none who would sell whisky, believing that it would injure the property of the town and community. In this most of the new settlers encouraged him, and consequently log-rollings, house-raisings and the like were done on temperance principles, and never distinguished by ruffianism. An orderly community grew up, and its good example and correct principles are felt to-day in the society of our village."

Dr. John P. Brookins was one of the leading citizens of Richwood during its primitive days. He was born at Shippensburg, Penn., March 1, 1801, and emigrated to Ohio, settling first at Mount Vernon, and engaging in his profession—medicine. He there became acquainted with Mr. Plummer, and decided to cast his lot with the little village to be founded on Mr. Plummer's land. He moved, with his wife, Margaret (McClay), and two children, Mary Jane and William C., and erected the first cabin on the village site. It stood on

Lot 97, at the southwest corner of Franklin and Ottawa streets, where Miller's store now is. The first sad event in the village was the accidental burning of the Doctor's little daughter, Mary Jane, a promising child, which occurred in August, 1833. While playing near a log-burning in the street, her clothes took fire, and she was so badly burned that death ensued the next day. In his family, also, occurred the first birth and the first marriage. The bride was Miss Jane Coffee, the Doctor's niece. Dr. Brookins was a very small, spare man, physically, but very jovial. He was a social, genial spirit, and possessed an uncommon fund of good humor. He always had a good story to tell, and usually kept a crowd in a roar of laughter. He was Justice of the Peace for many years, and also Postmaster. He was the first physician in the township, and pursued the practice of his profession here successfully until 1847, when he removed to Eaton, Ohio, where he died January 20, 1878. His son, William, is now a resident of that village.

Absalom Carney was a blacksmith, and built his shop on Lot 148, east Bumford street. He did not remain many years, but removed West. It was reported that he and all his family, except one daughter, were killed by Indians in Missouri.

In September, 1833, William Phillips, with his wife Isabella (Woods), emigrated from Shippensburg, Penn., and settled on Lot 48, southeast corner of Franklin and Blagrove streets. He had a family of eight children—William J., who died in Pennsylvania; Jane Elizabeth, wife of Edwin Bruck; John A.; Alfred G., killed at Atlanta July 22, 1863; Sarah W., wife of Harvey S. Wood, of Marysville; Mary H., wife of Joseph Swartz (deceased); William Fletcher (deceased), and Isabel W., wife of Austin G. Converse, of Carroll, Ohio. Mr. Phillips was highly esteemed as a citizen, and was identified with all the movements to elevate and improve his fellow-men. He was a thorough temperance advocate. He died January 15, 1880, at Marysville, where he had removed two years previously. By trade and occupation, for many years, he was a potter. For about twenty-five years after he came to Richwood, he was engaged in the manufacture of pottery. The following items, taken from his account book, furnish the market value of a number of commodities in those times:

May 17, 1834, John Woods, Dr. to making vest..................	$	50
May 17, 1834, James Scott, Dr. to one gun......................	12	00
May 17, 1834, James Scott, Dr. to 8¾ yards muslin................	1	26
May 17, 1834, Thomas Cheney, Dr. to one wagon................	45	00
June 18, 1834, Philip Plummer, to 15 bushels ashes at 6¼.........		93¾
October 24, 1834, Philip Plummer, to making roundabout........		62½
November 14, 1834, Henry Swartz, Cr. by 1½ gallons honey......		75
November 17, 1834, John T. Evans, Dr. to one calf-skin..........	2	50
November 17, 1834, William Surpliss, Cr. by 4250 brick at $4.25.	18	06¼
December 5, 1834, John P. Brookins, Dr. to ware................		41
April 15, 1835, David Hawk, Cr. by one pound coffee............		18¾
April 20, 1835, David Hawk, Cr. by one-fourth pound tea........		22
June 22, 1835, William Lockhart, Cr. by four pounds butter......		25
July 16, 1835, John Calloway, Dr. to two jugs...................		25
September 21, 1835, William Barkdull, Cr. by ¼ pound tea.......		44
October 17, 1835, Mortimore Bentley, Dr. to four bushels potatoes.	1	00
December 23, 1835, Ira Bennett, Cr. by two turkeys.............		31¼
February 13, 1836, Nathan F. Woodruff, Cr. by one day's labor..		50
February 13, 1836, Samuel D. Beall, Cr. by one day's labor......		50
April 9, 1836, Joseph Murphy, Dr. to recording of ear mark......		25
June 16, 1836, Joseph Wilson, Dr. to one palm hat..............		31¼
November 1, 1836, Jacob Delsaver, Cr. by 36 pounds buckwheat..		90
November 12, 1836, Ira Bennett, Cr. by 4¾ pounds lard...........		48
November 12, 1836, Ira Bennett, Cr. by 6 pounds pork............		37½
February 16, 1837, Christian Dowell, Dr. to two bushels corn....		75
November 5, 1837, John Darling, Dr. to one ax..................	2	00
January 4, 1838, Starret Irwin, Dr. to six lights of glass..........		25

June 2, 1838, Philip Plummer, Dr. to one pair shoes.............	44
June 2, 1838, Philip Plummer, Dr. to five pounds coffee..........	1 00
June 2, 1838, Philip Plummer, Dr. to 4 elementary spelling books	50
September 27, 1838, Abraham Decker, Cr. by twelve chickens....	97½

John Woods, born December 9, 1799, emigrated from Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Penn., to Richwood, in July, 1833. He purchased 112 acres of land just north of the original plat, but now included within the corporation. He was a tailor, and, in connection with clearing and cultivating his farm, he followed his trade. His wife was Sarah (Brookins), and a son, George Woods, now resides in Richwood. Mr. Woods died on the home place May 12, 1874.

William Sirpless settled in the village in 1833, coming from the Scioto River, in Delaware County. He built his cabin on Lot 119, just south of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He performed rough carpenter work while staying here, which was only a few years. He then went West.

John Wilson, a son of Nathaniel Wilson, in 1833 moved to Richwood, and resided on Outlots 9 or 10, opposite Canan's grist mill. He, too, came from the Scioto River, to Delaware County; was a laborer, and assisted in the erection of cabins. His first wife was Mary Dilsaver; his second, Elizabeth Atwood; his third, Mrs. Butts. He removed to Hancock County, and, when last heard from, he had buried his fourth wife.

John Carney, the father of Absalom Carney, arrived at Richwood in 1833. He was quite old and feeble at the time, and did not survive many years. He was a Baptist minister, and occasionally held services in the village. The only other settler in Richwood in 1833, besides Messrs. Burdick and Calloway, was Mortimer Bentley. He was a carpenter, or cabinet-maker, and stayed only a few years.

In 1834, there were a number of accessions, including Christian Goul, Nathan Richardson, Adam Burge, William Price, John T. Evans and Henry Sayer.

Adam Burge was a "Thomsonian" or "steam" doctor, and practiced among the few believers of his school in this vicinity. His house and office was on Lot 105, Franklin street, where the residence of Dr. King now stands. The Doctor remained at Richwood only a short time, as his practice was not very remunerative. Nathan Richardson was a carpenter. He came from Champaign County, and about 1840 returned there. Christian Goul was a shoe-maker, from near Mechanicsburg, and his stay was also of brief duration. John T. Evans was also a manufacturer of boots and shoes. His bench was in Burdick & Calloway's store. He was unmarried, and a skillful workman, but the settlement was too sparse to furnish him with steady employment, and at the expiration of a year he sought a new field of labor. Henry Sager was a brother-in-law to Absalom Carney; built a cabin on Franklin street, but before it was furnished with door, floor or window he took his departure for the West.

The village grew very slowly from this time. In 1840, it contained about eighteen or twenty families. The following were here in that year: David Houk, a wagon-maker, who came about 1835; Sterrett Irwin, a carpenter; Hugh Thompson, a farmer, who died soon after; L. H. Hastings; J. B. W. Haynes, who came, in 1840, from Virginia, was an earnest Abolitionist, a real-estate agent and a prominent citizen, and who died August 20, 1869, aged seventy-six years; Samuel Jenkins, a laborer; William Sirpless; William Price, who afterward operated a small grist mill here; Dr. Brookins; Ziba Brown, a local Disciple minister; William Phillips; John Woods; Enoch Fisher, a farmer, who had been in Indian service under Gen. Anthony Wayne, and who died in the village at the advanced age of one hundred and one years;

Rev. Brown, the Methodist Episcopal minister; Isaac Cade, a Disciple preacher, who afterward died here; Henry Swartz, and the Widow Barkdull. Her husband, William Barkdull, was a shoe-maker, and came to Richwood from Mount Vernon in 1835, but soon after returned and died there. His widow, Mrs. Priscilla (Fisher) Barkdull, then moved with her children again to Richwood. In 1840, there was but one frame house in the village. It was owned and occupied by Hugh Thompson. The other dwellings were the primitive log cabins.

The first store was opened at Richwood in a little log building, which stood on Lot 102, now occupied by Ferrier's saddlery shop, by Burdick & Calloway, in August, 1833. Hezekiah Burdick was a local Methodist Episcopal preacher, and had owned and cultivated a small farm three miles southeast from Marysville, on Mill Creek. John Calloway was born at the Scioto salt works, in what is now Jackson County, in 1802, where his father was engaged in making salt. A year or two later they removed to Yellow Springs, Greene County, where Mr. Calloway was proprietor of a tavern for two years. He then entered a half-section of land in that county, and, after occupying it for eight years, was defrauded of it by a process of legal chicanery He then removed to Clark County, and from that county young John went to Marysville to try his fortunes, and by industry became the owner of a small property near Marysville and two town lots.

Messrs. Burdick & Calloway purchased a small stock of goods at Marysville, owned by L. H. Hastings, and removed them to Richwood. The stock embraced a few staple groceries and dry goods, and the entire amount was conveyed to Richwood in one load. As both the purchasers were inexperienced in merchandising, it was stipulated in the contract of sale that Mr. Hastings should remain with them several weeks, till Mr. Calloway could become accustomed to his position behind the counter. This store remained in operation about two years. Mr. Calloway withdrew, and soon after Mr. Burdick closed out his entire stock. Financially, the first store was not a brilliant success. Mr. Burdick soon removed to other parts, but "Major" John Calloway, as he is universally known, took unto himself a wife, Clarky R. Tonguet, in 1835, and settled down to rural life near Richwood. He has resided on his little place ever since, and is now a hale and hearty old gentleman of past eighty years.

The next mercantile venture was made by Cyprian Lee and Mains Wasson. Foreseeing the retirement of the first business house, they purchased a stock of goods and brought them to Richwood in 1835. The management of the store was intrusted to L. H. Hastings. About a year later, they sold out to Henry Swartz and Dr. J. B. Brookins. A few weeks after this transfer, Ira Reynolds, a merchant at Homer, on Darby Plains, decided to open a branch store at Richwood, believing that a second store would prove remunerative. He secured the services of Mr. L. H. Hastings, who soon after became a partner in the business, and afterward purchased Mr. Reynolds' interest and became sole proprietor. The store of Swartz & Brookins in time dropped out of existence, and in 1840 Hastings' store was the only business house in Richwood.

There has been no merchant so intimately associated with the business interests of Richwood as has Levin H. Hastings. For almost forty years, he had been an active and leading business man in the village, and was its first successful merchant. He was born in Maryland September 1, 1806, and, removing to Laurel, Del., became a clerk in a store there. Possessed with a desire to see the West, he came to Ohio, remained a short time in a store at Columbus, and then attended school at Delaware, Ohio, for a term or two. Returning to Laurel, Del., he taught the winter school and clerked again for a short time, then purchased a stock of goods at Baltimore, and brought them to Marysville in the spring of 1833. In the fall of the same year, he sold to Burdick & Calloway, and after spending a few weeks in Richwood returned to Delaware. While visiting Richwood in 1832, he had purchased 500 acres of land, located just east of the village, from Silas C. Strong. He married Mary Carroll, of Delaware, March 24, 1834, and again came to Ohio and settled at Richwood. Several years later, he purchased an interest in Reynolds' store, and from that time until 1874 remained in active business life in Richwood, except two short intervals, which he spent in Illinois and at Marion, Ohio. In 1874, he retired from business. He died at Richwood, July 30, 1882; and thus closed a life of usefulness and activity. His widow still resides at Richwood.

Merchandising in early times was attended with difficulties that are unknown in the present day. Money was scarce, and the store was oftener the scene of a barter or exchange than of a sale. The merchant had, occasionally, as great difficulty in disposing of the products taken in exchange for his goods as in the original sale of the goods. Eggs were usually quoted at 3 cents per dozen, and there was no demand for them. Nearly every family kept a cow, and butter was a drug in the home market. These products were, however, accepted in exchange for goods usually, and disposed of to traveling agents, who sold them in Cincinnati or Columbus. In the absence of money, credit became almost a necessity, and by the shifting about of many early settlers from one settlement to another, many accounts were lost. Coon skins, deer skins, home-made sugar, pork, honey and saddles of venison were the most current articles of exchange. Venison was sold at from 50 cents to 75 cents a saddle, consisting of the two hams, and was packed and taken to Columbus. By the fluctuation in the value of these articles, the merchants often suffered losses.

INCORPORATION AND OFFICERS.

Richwood was incorporated as a village by the County Commissioners—William Porter, William F. Fulton and Nelson Cone—March 6, 1855, by reason of a petition from forty-one citizens of Richwood, who named B. F. McMillan, J. B. W. Haynes and H. O. S. Heistand to act as their agents in the premises. This action was taken by the citizens of Richwood, it is said, in anticipation of the immediate building of the projected Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, by which it was expected the village would be greatly improved. Charles W Rosette was elected Mayor in 1855, and re-elected in 1856 and in 1857. The railroad was not built as expected, and for some reason the people allowed the incorporation to lapse, or remain dormant. For a few years, no borough officers were elected, nor was there any village government. James B. W. Haynes was the next Mayor, elected in 1864, and re-elected. He was succeeded by J. W. Jones, who was elected in 1868. The Clerks' record begins with the year 1868, and since then the following have been the officers of the village:

1868—J. W. Jones, Mayor; D. F. Parsons, Recorder; G. W. Canan, A. Spratt, V. F. Collier, P. Overshiver and P. T. Lightner, Council.

1870—Mayor, T. P. Cratty; Recorder, T. P. Owens; Council, two years. V. F. Collier, afterward resigned, P. Overshiver, resigned, and N. P. Westheimer, one year, D. F. Parsons, G. W. Holland and O. Curry; Treasurer, G. W. Canan; Marshal, F. A. Graham.

1871—Council, O. Curry, T. Loveless and T. H. Moore, W. H. Conkright and E. Y. King appointed to fill vacancies; Clerk, T. P. Cowan, resigned and L. J. Blake appointed.

1872—Mayor W. W. Kile; Clerk, L. J. Blake, resigned and P. H. Bauer elected; Treasurer, G. W. Canan; Marshal, G. B. Tucker, resigned; Street Commissioner, E. W. Tanner; Council, D. W. Godman, E. Y. King and G. W. Holland. April 17, 1872, W. W. Kile resigned and J. L. Blake was appointed Mayor. July 10, 1872, Hylas Sabine was elected Mayor, vice L. J. Blake, removed.

1873—Mayor, H. Sabine; Council, A. J. Blake, A. L. Smith, and Thomas H. Moore; Clerk, L. Sabine; Marshal, W. E. Tanner.

1874—Mayor, L. A. Hedges; Council, F. H. Thornhill, P. T. Lightner and J. J Goldsmith; Clerk, William H. Reeves; Treasurer, A. Z. Converse, Street Commissioner, J. P. Brookins; Marshal, George K. Stewart.

1875—Council, James Cutler, O. Curry and Edward Tanner; Marshal, J. J. Woodruff.

1876—Mayor, J. P. Slemmons; Council, Frank Merriott, Jason Case and Alexander Smart; Treasurer, J. H. Vaughan; Clerk, W. H. Reeves; Marshal, J. J. Woodruff; Street Commissioner, S. D. Evans.

1877—Council, George Woods, S. M. Blake and John Rosette; Clerk, William B. Jones; Street Commissioner, James Hughes.

1878—Mayor, J. S. Gill; Council, James Eddleman, G. W. Canan, resigned and S. Carter elected, and G. R. Gum; Clerk, H. M. Wright; Treasurer, James H. Vaughan; Marshal, G. B. Tucker.

1879—Council, T. H. Moore, C. W. Hoffman and G. H. Woods, resigned October, 1879, Robert Ferrier elected Councilman, vice Carter resigned, A. Ferris also elected to fill vacancy.

1880—Mayor, H. M. Wright; Clerk, A. J. Thomas; Council, O. Holmes, L. C. Beem, F. W. Merriott and M. W. Hill.

1881—Council, E. Y. King, Jason Case and Thomas Moore.

1882—Mayor, H. M. Wright; Clerk, A. J. Thomas; Council, J. L. Horn, William Burgner and Henry Long; Treasurer, Robert Smith; Marshal, John Ogan.

ADDITIONS.

The following are the additions that have been made to the original plat of Richwood. T. B. Smith, July 31, 1857, made an addition of eight lots, and had the plat recorded, but the addition must have been forgotten; for subsequent additions were made of the same land. The lots of the first and now forgotten addition were not numbered, but all others continue in order with the numbering of the original plat. Joshua S. Gill's First Addition was surveyed May 27, 1864, by A. S. Mowry. It consisted of 14 lots, Nos. 153 to 166 inclusive. Hugh S. F. Hogan's Addition of 21 lots, 167 to 188, was surveyed January 14 and 15, 1864, and corrected June 2, 1865, by B. A. Fay. John A. Cook's Addition of 8 lots, 188 to 195, was surveyed May 3, 1866, by John Sidle. John Wood's Addition, 14 lots, 196 to 209, was surveyed November 2, 1865, by E. Dix. The addition of H. H. & E. F. Poppleton, executors of Samuel Poppleton, deceased, 13 lots, 210 to 222, was surveyed July 20 and 21, 1865, by A. S. Mowry. O. P. Stephen's Addition, 11 lots, 223 to 233, was made in July, 1869. Henry J. Merriott's Addition, 61 lots, 234 to 294, was surveyed October 1, 1871, by Hylas Sabine. Proprietors of subsequent additions, with dates of survey are C. Landen, 6 lots, 295–300, November 15, 1871; Edward Norris, 21 lots, 301–321, February 14, 1872; J. S. Gill, second addition, 175 lots, 322–342 and 393–546, and M. W. Hill, 37 lots, 547-583, a joint-survey, November 4, 5 and 6, 1872, and January 8, 9 and 10, 1873; William G. Beaty, 50 lots, 343–392, November, 1872; W. G. Courts, 11 lots, 584–594, April 1, 1873; H. Sabine, first addition, 14 lots, 595–608, not recorded; School lot subdivision, 8 lots, 609–616, recorded March 10, 1878; Alexander Gandy and Joel D. Graham, 10 lots, 617–626, February 15, 1874; Orin Beem, 80 lots, 627–689 and 744–760, August 15, 1873; Henry T. Marriott, second addition, 38 lots, 690–727, July 10, 1875; Edward Norris, second addition, 16 lots, 728–743, November, 1873; John A. Cook. second addition, 16 lots, 761–776, June 1, 1874; W. H. Marriott, 14 lots, 777–790, August 10, 1874.

The limits of the corporation were extended May 23, 1867, and again November 18, 1875, by order of the County Commissioners, in accordance with a petition from the Village Council, presented September 6 previous.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The corporation owns an engine house, which was built in 1875, at a cost of about $1,300, and has a fire department, complete in all its appointments. A destructive fire occurred on Friday evening, April 9, 1875, on the east side of Franklin street, between Blagrove and Ottaway streets. It was discovered in a barn at the rear of Westheimer's dry goods and grocery store, and soon the frame hardware store of Godman, Thornhill & Co., across the alley, took fire; a barn farther to the east, at the rear of the Methodist Protestant Church, caught, and communicated the flames to the church, which was destroyed. Telegrams for help were sent to Urbana and Marion, and the latter responded by sending a hand engine; but before it arrived the flames were extinguished. Nine buildings were destroyed in all, and the loss amounted to considerably more than $25,000. Although the Council had previously taken action looking to the establishment of a fire department, this destructive conflagration caused them to push it to completion with greater vigor than before. A hook and ladder company, composed of thirty members, was organized in May, 1875, with Col. W. L. Curry as Captain. The Council had previously purchased a few hooks and ladders, and had ordered a wagon made. A steam engine was ordered directly after the fire had occurred, from Silsby & Co., Seneca Falls, N. Y., and was received June 11, 1875. It, with the hose cart and 800 feet of hose, cost $5,250. A hose company and engine company were organized in June, 1875, and J. S. Gill was elected Engineer; he still fills this position. The fire department was a volunteer organization until 1881, when the Council organized three departments. The hook and ladder company consists of nine members, with N. W. Spratt, Foreman. The hose company contains nine men, and has V. F. Collier for its Foreman. W. S. Bowers is Foreman of the engine company, which has seven members. The members of the department are now paid for all services rendered, either during fires or while on drill, and a more efficient force in a village of 1,500 people it would be difficult to find. Scattered over the village are eight cluster wells, each with from fourteen to twenty branches, driven into the ground twenty-one or twenty-two feet. The branches center in a five inch hydrant, and the water supply from them is regarded as inexhaustible. The wells costs about $350 each.

W. W. Kile was the first Chief of the department. He served two years, and was succeeded, for one year, by O. Curry. George B. Tucker was then elected Chief by the company about four years ago, and when the department was re-organized by the Council he was appointed to this position, and still holds it.

POSTMASTERS.

Dr. J. P. Brookins was the first Postmaster, and he retained the office until his departure from Richwood, in 1847. In his day, the mails were very irregular and scant, but it is said he would never permit the mail bags to leave without something in them. If there was no mail to send, he himself would hastily write a communication to some friend, and inclose it in the empty sack. William Ferguson succeeded him, and held the position for quite a number of years. George Roberts then became Postmaster, and at the expiration of his service the office recurred to the possession of William Ferguson. The subsequent dispensers of mail, to the present time, have been successively A. J. Blake, Sarah Moore, Jane Moore, Mrs. Mary Boggs, William W. Kile and E. S. Hubbard. The present incumbent entered upon his duties May 1, 1876.

MILITIA.

Company G, Fourteenth Regiment Ohio National Guard, "Gibson Guards," was organized at Richwood July 17, 1877, with forty-three men. Its first commissioned officers were John P. Slemmons, Captain; James Hughes, First Lieutenant; George B. Tucker, Second Lieutenant. In the fall of 1878, Lieut. Hughes resigned; Mr. Tucker was promoted to the vacancy, and John G. Ropp elected Second Lieutenant. Capt. Slemmons resigned in the spring of 1880, and Lieut. Tucker was elected Captain and A. H. Miller First Lieutenant. Lieut. Ropp died in February, 1882, and John Ogan was elected to the vacancy thus occasioned. The company was re-organized July 17, 1882, and retains the officers as above given. The following is its roster of non-commissioned officers. Sergeants, M. V. Watson, John Cunningham, J. C. Irwin, W. S. Smith and Wilbert Ferguson; Corporals, Larkin Tonguet, O. H. Vorhees, Noah Swartz, M. K. Baker, William McGee, F. S. McMahan and Willis Young. The company now numbers sixty-seven members. At the State Tournament of the Militia, held at Columbus in July, 1880, the team prize for target shooting was won by Company G. It is a heavy, handsome gold badge, still in the possession of the company. Also, four of the eight individual prizes were gained by the Richwood team.

SOCIETIES.

Mount Carmel Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 303, was chartered October 21, 1858, and organized November 9 following, by John Barber, under proxy from the Grand Master. Members of the fraternity from Marysville assisted in the organization. The Marysville Band was also in attendance. The following were elected the first officers of the lodge: John Sidle, W. M.; J. C. Sidle. S. W.; J. Beardsley, J. W.; L. Barber, S. D.; Mr. Radebaugh, J. D.; John Wood, Treasurer; J. S. Gill, Secretary. G. Myers, Leet Bonham, John Wirrick, J. B. W. Haines and J. M. Longfellow were also charter members. The lodge was organized in the log house of Dr. J. N. Ross, opposite the Beem House. Meetings were held there for awhile, then at the southeast corner of Franklin and Blagrove streets, and afterward in the block at the southeast corner of Franklin and Ottaway streets. In 1873, the third floor of the Courts Hall became the hall of the lodge, and meetings are now held there every Tuesday night, on or before the full moon. The present officers are A. J. Blake, W. M.; C. D. Sidle, S. W.; C. O. Bishop, J. W.; J. L. Jolliff, S. D.; Robert Smith, J. D.; G. H. Woods, Secretary; P. H. Bower, Treasurer; J. W. McCracken, Tiler; P. J. C. Irwin and W. H. Richards, Stewards.

Richwood Lodge, No. 443, I. O. O. F., was granted a dispensation May 10, 1870, and instituted June 11, 1870. The charter members were Andrew Spratt, Byron Andrews, R. C. Bigelow, Solomon Walker, W. H. Robertson, Richard Biddle, Robert Ferrier, Henry Biddle, G. W. Canan, N. P. Westheimer, William Drumm, Morgan Young and two others. The first Noble Grand was Morgan Young; the first Vice Grand, Andrew Spratt. The present officers are G. W. Holland, N. G.; Dr. W. B. Duke, V. G.; Henry Hazen, Sec.; W. J. Slemmons, Per. Sec.; R. Ferrier, Treasurer. Two of the charter members are deceased, Richard and Harry Biddle. The lodge is in a flourishing condition, and meets every Saturday evening. It was organized in the Westheimer Block, which burned in 1875. Several years before that, however, they built the third floor of the John A. Woods building, on west Franklin street, at a cost of $2,250, and have since had a commodious and neatly furnished hall. The present membership is about one hundred and ten.

Richwood Encampment, No. 185, I. O. O. F., was granted a warrant May 5, 1875, and duly instituted June 8, 1875, by W. B. Kennedy. The charter membership was composed of Charles E. Canan, William H. Reeves, Stephen D. Evans, John E. Rosette, Nathan P. Westheimer, Byron F. Andrews and John M. Guthrie. The regular evenings for meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month. The membership at present numbers fifty-five, and the official list is as follows: M. M. Mather, C. P.; W. S. Bowers, J. W.; A. M. Tricky, S. W.; Simpson Price, H. P.; W. G. Vaúghan, Scribe; Philip Bender, Treasurer. The first officers were C. E. Canan, C P.; H. D. Evans, H. P.; W. H. Reeves, S. W.; J. E. Rosette, J. W.; N. P. Westheimer, Scribe; B. F. Andrews, Treasurer.

Delpha Lodge, No. 99, Daughters of Rebekah, was instituted August 10, 1874. The original members were Will H. Reeves, John Drum, J. H. Randall, E. Y. King, W. H. Conkright, L. A. Hedges, N. E. Paterick, Mrs. E. A. Reeves, Mrs. J. Drum, Mrs. Maud Randall, Mrs. E. Y. King, Mrs. W. H. Conkright, Mrs. L. A. Hedges, Mrs N. E. Paterick, Mrs. Solomon Walker, Mrs. A. Spratt, Mrs. Charles Canan, Mrs. Robert Ferrier, Mrs. A. Lower, Mrs. R. White, Mrs. L. Case, Mrs. N. P. Westheimer, Mrs. L. Fisher and others. The lodge was in a prosperous condition for a few years, and still retains its charter.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, Knights of Pythias, was granted a charter May 27, 1875, and instituted June 8 of the same year. The charter members were S. J. Finch, H. W. Finch, J. H. Randall, J. Critchfield, T. C. Owen, J. H. Vaughan, P. E. Barnes, Will H. Reeves, G. R. Gum and J. J. Woodruff. The membership has increased from ten to seventy-eight, and the lodge is now officered by J. C. Irwin, P. C.; C. E. Hill, C. C.; Jerry Bigelow, V. C.; W. S. Smith, Prelate; J. W. Scott, M. at A.; J. E. Robinson, K. of R. and S.; John Lake, M. of Ex.; J. C. Lough, M. of F.; N. W. Spratt, I. G.; M. K. Baker, O. G. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening. For two years the Odd Fellows Hall was the place of meeting, and the lodge then rented a hall on the second floor of W. S. Bowers' building, and occupied it until the fall of 1882. During the summer of 1882, it erected the third story of the Cooper Building, corner of Franklin and Blagrove streets, at an expense of $1,600, and now has a handsome and nicely furnished hall. But one death has occurred in the lodge since its formation—that of George D. Winchell. The lodge has a drill corps of seventeen uniforms, and in the near future it is believed a Division will be formed here.

Union Lodge, No. 5, of the Prudential Order of America, was organized July 25, 1882, with twenty-four members. Its first and present officers are John Brookins, P. R.; Charles Lyons, E. R.; William Guthrie, V. R.; Thomas P. Fadley, Prelate; Joseph Scott, Ins.; O. H. Gaines, Rec. Sec.; James Moore, Fin. Sec.; H. A. Thomas, Treas.; Thomas Gill, I. W.; Clifton Smith, O. S.; David Willoughby, Conductor. The lodge meets every Monday night, and now has a membership of thirty-six. It was organized at the K. of P. Hall, and now meets in the Bowers Hall. The order is a recent one, and in its nature is both a fraternal and a mutual insurance association. Its membership is Charles H. Jacobs, R. W. Connell, D. B. Willoughby, Clifton Smith, W. H. Richards, T. P. Fadely, Charles Lyons, W. A. Guthrie, L. J.

Robertson, Albert Reynolds, Thomas J. Gill, William P. Smith, W. B. Duke, Louis C. Beem, J. P. Brookins, A. J. Thomas, Edgar M. Horn, George W. Metzger, L. B. Johnson, Osco H. Games, F. C. Smith, C. H. Smith, M. K. Baker, William A. Smith, Joseph W. Scott, John M. Horn, S. W. Van Winkle, James N. Moore.

Richwood Division, No. 74, Sons of Temperance, is the latest organization. It was instituted by A. M. Collins November 7, 1882, and began its existence with a membership of forty. Tuesday evening of each week is the time of meeting. Its officers are L. Myers, Worthy Patriarch; Mrs. E. J. Tucker, Worthy Associate; Miss Lettie Layton, Recording Scribe; Charles Bailey, Assistant Recording Scribe; P. R. Kerr, Financial Secretary; Mrs. S. V. R. Young, Treasurer; Rev. E. G. Brumbaugh, Chaplain; O. H. Games, Conductor; Miss Maggie Burgner, Assistant Conductor; Miss Ruth Wilcox, I. S.; John McElfish, O. S.; Miss E. Simpson, Past W. Patriarch; P. R. Kerr, Division Deputy; O. Beem, Thomas Livingston and M. Vestal, Trustees.

PHYSICIANS.

Dr. John P. Brookins was the first—and for many years the only—regular resident practitioner of Richwood. J. N. Ross was probably the next. He came, in 1840, from Zanesville, and remained in practice until his death in 1869. Benjamin F. McMillan located here in the summer of 1847, the date that Dr. Brookins' removal to Eaton. He came from Licking County, and maintained a successful practice until about 1867, when he removed to Mahaska County, Iowa. Dr. Atwood came about the same time, but remained for only a short period. H. O. S. Heistand removed to Richwood from Mansfield about 1852, and continued in practice until his death a few years later. Aaron Irwin read medicine under his instructions, and at his death acquired his practice. Dr. Irwin died in service. Dr. White located here at the close of his service in the late war, and practiced for several years. He then removed to Pickaway County. Dr. Stephenson came from Westerville, about 1867, but soon after removed to Springfield. Dr. T. C. Owen settled at Richwood about 1865. He had been a Surgeon in service. He practiced here until a few years ago. Other physicians, who have been located at Richwood for only a short period, are Dr. I. N. Hamilton, Dr. Randall, Dr. Thomas Mather, Dr. Miller, Dr. Harris and Dr. Leach, a homœopathist. Dr. R. D. Connell was the first homœopathist to locate here. He came, about 1873, from Mansfield, but removed to Columbus in 1879, and is now engaged in practice in that city.

The medical fraternity at Richwood to-day consists of six members—Drs. E. Y. King, P. H. Bauer, W. B. Duke, R. W. Connell, B. I. Barbee and B. P. Hall.

Dr. King is an allopathist, and located at Richwood in 1866, coming from Fredericktown. Dr. Bauer settled here in 1871. His partner, Dr. Hall, came in the spring of 1882. Dr. Duke is a practitioner of the eclectic school. He has been here since 1875. Dr. Connell, a homœopathist, located in March, 1877, and Dr. Barbee, of the same school, in August, 1880.

ATTORNEYS.

The bar of Richwood is not very strong, numerically speaking, though it has sufficient legal talent to attend successfully to the litigation that arises here. In olden times, Col. J. B. W. Haynes figured prominently as a pleader before local magistrates, and somewhat later Hylas Sabine and T. B. Cratty were often called upon to represent their neighbors and friends before the justices.

Louis J. Blake was the first admitted attorney to locate at Richwood. He is a graduate of Litchfield Law School, and in 1871 opened an office at Richwood. Two years later, he removed East, and is now in practice at South Norwalk, Conn. P. R. Kerr came next, and is still practicing. S. S. Gardner, in 1877, located here, and is still in practice. The latest disciple of Blackstone in Richwood is S. W. Van Winkle. He opened his office in the summer of 1882.

SCHOOLS.

Of the early schools of Richwood, only a few facts can be gleaned. The first ones were conducted on the customary subscription plan, and the children of those who could not afford this voluntary per capita tax were deprived of the benefits of the education, which, at best was very meager. The village has had four schoolhouses; one log, two frame and the present handsome and durable brick building. The first school was taught about the year 1834, in an unoccupied cabin, which stood on Lot 8, southeast corner of Franklin and Bomford streets, afterward the residence of L. H. Hastings. William Phillips had the honor of teaching this primitive school. About 1835, the citizens of the village raised a log schoolhouse on Lot 142, Blagrove street, where now stands the residence of C. Huffman. It was rudely furnished, without any of the modern appliances now deemed necessary, and was occupied as a schoolhouse until about 1840, when it became too small and too dilapidated to be any longer suited for the purpose. Richwood did not furnish many of the early teachers. They were usually young men and women from Marysville and other surrounding towns. Mary Waters, from near Prospect, Delaware County, taught two terms here between 1836 and 1839. Other teachers who held sway in this log schoolhouse were Horatio Hickok, Miss Clarissa Price, the daughter of William Price, Miss Henrietta Skinner, of Marysville, and Miss Matilda Munson, of Norton. The latter taught here during the summer of 1838. John W. Hamilton was the teacher during the winter of 1838–39, and Miss Henrietta Skinner during the following summer. Cornelius Hamilton taught the winter term of 1839–40. This was probably the last school held in this building.

Another schoolhouse was not erected immediately, but for a few years instruction was given in the churches of the village. Col. J. B. W. Haynes taught during the winter of 1840–41, in the old Methodist Protestant Church, which stood on Franklin street. The next winter James Dara taught in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Succeeding teachers of winter schools in these churches were James C. Dobey, John P. Graham, C. S. Hamilton, who resigned on account of sickness and was succeeded by Lucy Johnson, of Marysville, Jacob Spafford and John Barber. Miss Johnson was an accomplished and thorough teacher. Under her control, a marked improvement was made in the efficiency of the schools. Her successor, Mr. Spafford, was an energetic and skillful instructor, as was also Mr. Barber, and under their management the Richwood School lost none of the prestige it had gained under their predecessor. William H. Ferguson then taught for two winters, in a building which occupied the site of Blake's drug store, Lot 47. H. C. Hamilton, during the winter of 1849–50, taught in the Methodist Protestant Church. The attendance was so great that the services of an assistant teacher, Miss Jane Thompson, became necessary.

The subject of a new schoolhouse was then agitated, and, about 1850, a small frame building, containing but one room, was erected on Lot 113, Fulton street. Its limits soon became too contracted to accommodate all the youth of the village, and the adjoining Methodist Episcopal Church was called into requisition, to afford room for an overflow department. These buildings were in use until 1860. During this period of about ten years, the following teachers were employed: Julia Brown, of Marysville, William Ferguson, Thomas Barkdull, now a Methodist Episcopal minister of Toledo, Ohio, Israel Kinney, James Eurts, J. S. Gill and John Swartz.

In 1860 or 1861, a large frame, containing three apartments, two on the first and one on the second floor, was erected on the large lot on South Franklin street, which has since become the School Subdivision of lots. Jacob Lowe, Mrs. Jacob Lowe and Miss Anna Irwin were the first corps of teachers in this school building. Clinton Case, Cadwallader Walker, Jacob Lowe and Miss Maggie Fisher were subsequent Principals in this schoolhouse. It remained in use until the erection of the present schoolhouse in 1875–76.

Until 1867, the schools of Richwood constituted a township school district. In May of that year, several citizens, wishing the village to withdraw from the township as a school district, gave notice as follows:

NOTICE.

The qualified electors of Subdistrict No. 3, of Claibourne Township, Union County, Ohio, are requested to meet at the post office of Richwood, Ohio, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on Wednesday, June 12, 1867, and there to vote by ballot for or against a separation of said subdistrict from the township, into an Independent District under the law of February 26, 1849, and the law amendatory thereto.

(Signed)
A. J. Blake, J. S. Gill,
J. J. Thompson, T. C. Owens,
J. D. Graham, J. W. Jones.

In accordance with this notice, an election was held at the specified time, which resulted in a separation from the township.

At a special election for members of the new Board, the following were chosen: A. J. Blake and J. S. Gill for three years; J. D. Graham and T. C. Owen for two years; and G. W. Courts and J. J. Thompson for one year. The Board was organized with A. J. Blake, President; J. S. Gill, Treasurer; and T. C. Owen, Secretary.

The first Board of School Examiners in the new district consisted of W. H. Ferguson, H. Sabine and Prof. William Lowe. The first teachers elected under the new system were Prof. William Lowe, Principal; Miss Martha Graham, Teacher of the Primary Department; Miss Sarah Moore, Teacher of the Intermediate Department.

One of the first acts of the new board was to build an addition to the schoolhouse, a one-story room on the east end of the old building. The partition between the two lower rooms of the old schoolhouse was removed, and the number of departments remained the same as before—three.

The following is the result of subsequent elections for members of School Board: 1868, J. W. Jones and J. J. Thompson for three years; 1869, G. W. Canan and T. C. Owen; 1870, T. P. Cratty and A. J. Blake; 1871, Thomas H. Moore and J. A. Cook; 1872, A. L. Smith and G. W. Canan; 1873, G. B. Hamilton and S. V. R. Young. In 1874 there was no election. Previous elections had been held in the month of June, but by the law the time of election was now changed to April. In May 1874, T. H. Moore and A. L. Smith resigned as members; W. L. Curry and W. H. Ferguson were appointed to fill the vacancies until the following April. In 1875, W. H. Ferguson and P. E. Barnes were chosen for three years, O. Beem for one year; 1876, G. W. Canan and S. M. Blake, three years, O. Beem, one year; 1877, J. D. Graham and H. H. Pringle, three years, Dr. E. Y. King, one year, *vice* W. H. Ferguson, resigned; 1878, C. W. Torrey and Dr. E. Y. King; 1879, A. J. Blake and J. P. Slemmons, three years, G. W. Holland, two years, *vice* C. W. Torrey, resigned; 1880, James Cutler and J. D. Graham; 1881, George Smith, T. J. Williams and J. E. Howe. The present Board is constituted as follows: J. D. Graham, President; W. H. Conkright, Secretary; George Smith, Treasurer; James Cutler, T. J. Williams and J. E. Howe.

In 1868, William Lowe was re-elected Principal of the schools. In 1869, G. W. Buell was elected Principal, and re-elected the following year. In October, 1870, an additional room being needed, the basement of the Methodist Episcopal Church was secured, and a primary school established there, with Miss Etta Clark as teacher. In 1871, J. W. Sleppy was elected Principal. He held the position two years. In 1873, S. J. Flickinger was elected, but his eyes failed him and he resigned. O. J. Richards succeeded him, in November, 1873. He was re-elected in 1874. John Kelb was Principal in 1875–76. In 1873, another apartment became necessary to accommodate the increasing attendance, and a room on the second floor of D. F. Parson's building was procured, at a rental of $8 per month.

At a meeting of the Board, January 6, 1875, a resolution was passed, to submit to the qualified voters of the district the question of authorizing the Board to issue bonds to the amount of $20,000, bearing seven per cent interest per annum, payable semi-annually, and to levy a tax of $20,000 to meet the payment of the bonds for the erection of a new schoolhouse, the bonds to run ten years. February 3, following, the election was held, and resulted—Yes, 134; no, 49. Some disagreement was manifested in selecting a site for the proposed edifice; but Lots 141, 142 and 143 were finally purchased for $600. J. Mozier, of Toledo, architect, prepared plans and specifications, which were accepted; notice for proposals was issued, and the bid of Woodward & Son, to furnish all material and complete the building for $15,895 was accepted. The purchase of additional lots, grading and other expenses, aggregated the total cost of the building about $20,000. Its erection was commenced in 1875 and completed in 1876. It is a large, handsome, brick edifice, containing eight departments; is surrounded by a broad, deep lawn, and presents, in a village the size of Richwood, marked evidence of enterprise and prosperity.

The first school term in the building began in the fall of 1876. R. M. Boggs was Superintendent; Mrs. Minnie M. Corey, Teacher of the Grammar School; Mrs. R. E. Connell, Intermediate Teacher; Mrs. J. P. Brookins, First Primary Teacher, and Miss Dora Armstrong, Second Primary Teacher. In October, 1876, Miss Anna Smedley was engaged as Assistant Teacher of the High School. At present there are eight departments—A. B, C and D Primary; A. B, C and D Grammar, A and B grades of the Grammar constituting one department, and the High School.

Mr. Boggs, at the expiration of three years, was succeeded by A. E. Gladding, who served as Superintendent two years.

P. R. Mills, the present Superintendent, was elected in 1881, and re-elected the year following. The schools are in a high state of efficiency. The High School course extends through three years.

The branches pursued are as follows:

Junior Year—First Term, Algebra, Physiology and Latin; Second Term, Algebra, Physical Geography and Latin; Third term, the same.

Middle Year—First Term, Geometry, Physics and Latin; Second Term, the same; Third Term, Geometry, Civil Government and Latin.

Senior Year—First Term, Arithmetic, General History and Latin; Second Term, Trigonometry, English Literature, Grammar and Latin; Third Term, Surveying, English Literature, Grammar and Latin. Rhetorical work is continued monthly throughout the entire course.

Three classes have graduated from this course, as follows:

1880—Edwin S. Gill, Mary V. Finley, Frank Stubert, Julia Torrey.

1881—James S. H. Hoover.

1882—J. S. Blake, Bessie Blake, Minnie Beem, Clara Bowers, Nellie Burgner, Mamie Godman, Fannie Godman, Jessie Graham, Will Graham, Clara Hamilton, Charles King, Zora Fadely, Ida Lake, Littie Layton, O. E. Loveless, Willis Young.

Much of the information contained in this sketch of the schools of Richwood was kindly prepared by Mr. A. J. Blake, to whom, for this and many other favors, our thanks are due.

NEWSPAPERS.

The *Richwood Gazette* was ushered into the world August 16, 1872, by J. H. Vaughan and W. H. Nicholson, with J. H. Vaughan as editor. November 13, 1873, Mr. Vaughan became sole publisher, and remained alone in charge of the paper until October 20, 1879, when it was purchased and edited by Robert Smith and W. Ferguson. Just two years later, Mr. Smith purchased the interest of his partner, and exactly one year afterward, or October 20, 1882, he disposed of a half-interest to George W. Worden. During the first year, Friday was the day of publication. It was then changed to Thursday, and has so remained ever since. In politics, the *Gazette* is independent. It is a local paper, aims to present its readers with all home news of interest, together with a choice selection of miscellaneous matter, and is devoted to the interests of its town and county. Its circulation exceeds eight hundred copies.

The second journalistic venture was made by J. S. Blake & Bro., January 28, 1882, by issuing the first number of the *Richwood Reporter*. The enterprise has proved a success, and indicates that there is ample room in Richwood for two newspapers. The *Reporter* is independent in politics, and is published every Saturday. Although, at this writing, it has not yet completed its first year, it has already attained a worthy subscription list, and bids fair to rank among the permanent institutions of Richwood.

HOTELS.

William Sirpless was the first citizen of Richwood to provide entertainment for the wayfaring stranger. He made no pretensions to inn-keeping, but only accommodated those, at his log residence, who desired temporary lodging and board. David Houk succeeded him. His dwelling house served him as a tavern, but he made tavern-keeping a business. His house stood on the west side of Franklin street, just north of Merriott's store. Mr. Houk removed to Eaton, Ohio, in a few years. Jesse Reed afterward kept hotel at the same place.

About 1843, J. B. W. Haynes became a village host, at the northeast corner of Franklin and Bomford streets. A few years later, he crossed Franklin street, and occupied Houk's old tavern stand, then built a two-story frame on Lot 97, where Miller's store now stands. R. C. Bigelow succeeded him as landlord here.

About 1848 or 1850, John Mulvain erected a hotel where the Parsons House now stands, northwest corner of Franklin and Blagrove streets. It has since changed hands repeatedly, and has always since been occupied as a hotel. Since it has come into the possession of the present proprietor, D. F. Parsons, it has been extensively remodeled and enlarged.

In the winter of 1854–55, R. W. Weisz, then a merchant, built a hotel now known as the Beem House, and in June, 1855, moved into it as landlord. He sold it, in 1866, to John Meyer. In 1869, it was used as a grocery store for awhile, then sold to J. J. Goldsmith, who restored it to its original intended use. O. Beem was the next proprietor. He then rented it for a year to J. Campbell, and in 1877 J. W. Gaston purchased it. It has since been conducted by A. Faris & Son.

BANKS.

The first bank in Richwood was opened, in 1866, by J. M. Davids and G. Allen, with Mr. Davids as manager. The capital was limited, and the bank survived only a single year.

In 1867, the Bank of Richwood was organized, with G. B. Hamilton, President. He was succeeded by W. H. Conkright, and he in turn by James Cutler, the present President, in 1880. B. L. Talmage was first and present Cashier. The stock amounts to $20,000, and the stockholders are James Cutler, B. L. Talmage, W. H. Conkright, I. and B. Cahill and the estate of Nicholas Money.

The Union County Bank was organized and began business January 1, 1874, with T. P. Cratty, President, and A. J. Blake, Cashier. J. Q. Roads and S. M. Blake were each original stockholders, and the latter is still a member in the bank. J. P. Brookins is book-keeper.

MANUFACTURING INTERESTS.

In about the year 1842, J. S. Gill, Sr., began the manufacture of wooden bowls on an extensive scale at Richwood; first on Lot 36, Clinton street, and afterward on Lot 438, South Fulton street. His factory burned here in 1869, but he rebuilt, and proceeded again with the manufacture for a year or two, then removed the establishment just across the Indiana State line, near Dixon, Ohio. This was the only manufacturing enterprise of any magnitude that is not represented to-day.

The largest establishment in Richwood at the present time is the saw mill and planing mill of Beem & Biddle. In 1873, L. C. and Benjamin F. Biddle stationed a portable saw mill on the site of their present mills, and in the fall of that year built a two story frame mill, using the upper story for a carpenter shop. In 1874, George Johnson purchased the interest of B. F. Beem, but in a short time Orin Beem became a partner, and soon after Mr. Johnson sold his share to his two partners, L. C. and Orin Beem. December 1, 1875, Orin Beem retired from the firm, and C. N. Biddle became the junior member of the firm, which has since been Beem & Biddle. A stationary boiler and engine was substituted for the portable engine in the winter of 1874. The mill, with all the lumber, was totally destroyed by fire June 26, 1876, at a loss of $3,000; no insurance. The energetic, but now involved, owners rebuilt at once, mostly by their own labor, and, by their strictest economy and utmost industry, running night and day, during the ensuing winter they cleared themselves from all pecuniary liabilities. In the fall of 1877, they built the planing mill, 30x60 feet, mainly from the cullings of the saw mill. They adopted the novel method of making one boiler furnish the power for both saw and planing mill, by conveying the steam from the saw mill boiler to the planing mill engine, one hundred feet distant, through an underground pipe. Besides supplying the home market, the saw mill, in 1876, began to furnish Barney & Smith, car builders, Dayton, Ohio, with their oak lumber, and Aultman & Taylor, of Mansfield, with ash and hickory lumber for threshing machines, besides shipping lumber elsewhere. Foreseeing that the supply of this lumber would soon be exhausted, the firm, in 1880, sought a market for elm lumber, as the most available in this locality. In that year they began the manufacture of wheelbarrow trays for the Revolving Scraper Company, of Columbus, Ohio, and this year (1882) have entered into a contract to furnish it with 100,000 wheelbarrow sets for $44,000, a set consisting of tray, handles, legs and strips. To meet this demand, their facilities must be increased, and over $6,000 was expended for new machinery, including a new Corliss engine. The lumber is taken from the stump, and to assist in preparing it a saw mill has been erected in Jackson Township. About thirty men are employed at the mills throughout the year. Besides fulfilling this contract, Beem & Biddle do a general line of work in the saw and planing mill business.

Loveless, Howe & Bishop are the proprietors of a woolen mill on East Ottaway street, which was built in May, 1869, and has been operated since. Manufacturing is carried on, however, only during a portion of each year, and is chiefly confined to yarns and satinets. Besides this, the firm deals extensively in wool. It has offices in surrounding towns, and in the aggregate, buys from three to five hundred thousand pounds of wool annually. Hides, pelts and furs are also handled largely, the purchases amounting to about $12,000 per year. The mill was built by Messrs. T. S. Loveless and J. E Howe. C. O. Bishop became a partner in March, 1881. There is but one grist mill at Richwood, now operated in the name of D. H. Roland. Naman Price, as early as 1836 or 1838, constructed a tread grist mill on the site of the present mill. It consisted of a large inclined wheel, perhaps forty feet in diameter, from which the motive power was obtained by placing on one side of the wheel from two to four oxen, whose weight would cause it to revolve. A saw mill was afterward attached, and operated by the same power. This rude, primitive structure, which, however, fully supplied the milling necessities of the first settlers, was remodeled by John Fields, and steam power added. He had two runs of buhrs, and his business was confined to a little custom work. It afterward came into the possession of Thomas Dutton, and from him was purchased by G. W. Canan, in 1864. Mr. Canan rebuilt it, and added greatly to its facilities. It contains four run of buhrs, and its work is chiefly custom. Mr. Canan sold it in 1879, to the present proprietor.

The planing mills of S. M. & A. J. Blake were started by S. Carter and S. M. Blake about 1871. In the spring of 1874, A. J. Blake acquired an interest, and during the winter of 1878–79 Mr. Carter retired. Since then, the firm has been as at present. It began on a small scale, and has ever since gradually but steadily increased in business.

Four grain warehouses are in operation. That of Camp, Randall & Lyon, now superintended by T. J. Williams, does an annual business of from 150 to 200 car-loads, in grain, coal, seeds and salt. The warehouse was built by E. Thompson, soon after the railroad was constructed, and was operated by Thompson & Graham for some time.

H. D. Gill became a dealer in grain and seeds in September, 1879, and now does a business of over 100,000 bushels per year.

O. P. & L. Lennox started in business in August, 1881, and annually buy and ship large quantities of grain. D. H. Roland, also, deals largely in grain.

Camp, Randall & Lyon, in 1871, built a flax mill at a cost of $7,000. It was operated for about ten years. Flax has ceased to be a crop in this locality, and the mill suspended business from lack of material.

Three large tile manufactories at Richwood are in operation. They are owned by C. J. & L. G. Monroe, Martin Scheiderer and Horn Brothers.

The mercantile business of Richwood is now represented by four dry goods stores, three clothing stores, three groceries, two bakeries, two jeweler stores, one provision store, one furniture store, two hardware stores, three drug stores, one tin and stove store, two boot and shoe stores, three millinery shops and one merchant tailoring establishment.

There are also here three meat markets, three livery stables, two lumber yards, two harness shops, one carriage repository, one repair machine shop, three blacksmith shops, several shoe shops and a cooper shop.

SOME EARLY INCIDENTS.*

July 4, 1838, was observed in Richwood in old pioneer style. The people turned out *en masse;* a martial band was employed, consisting of James Landon, Cyrus Landon and Payne Landon. They were paid 50 cents each, and came on foot, carrying their drums from Prospect, a distance of six miles. Rev. Jacob Young delivered the oration. In the morning, while the people were gathering, a foot-race was arranged between William Bennett and Benjamin M. Hamilton. The latter was young and quick in his motions; he had been in the habit of outrunning his schoolmates, in Muskingum County, and gave out word that he could outrun any one in Richwood. Bennett was an old hunter, and once a very powerful man, in which respect he was like all his brothers. They started, from what is now the center of town, and ran south, on the Marysville road. At first, Bennett allowed Hamilton to lead him by twenty feet or more, but, when about half way, began to lope off something like a deer; and in a few jumps he was in the lead. He then turned and ran backwards, calling on Hamilton to "come on," and not to be discouraged! Bennett won the race, making half the distance backwards. He then said he could beat Hamilton any distance, and carry old man Cade—who would weigh over two hundred pounds—on his back.

In the summer of 1842, when I was twelve years old, and was a small boy, carrying the mail from Richwood to Marysville and back every Friday, I chanced to see an old-fashioned militia muster at Pharisburg. Capt. Westenhoover was in command. The ground was wet and muddy; the Captain had on a large, bell-crowned beaver hat, and a blue spike-tailed coat with a great many brass buttons. He was in his bare feet, and had his home-made pants rolled up to the knees. As I came into Pharisburg from Marysville, Capt. Westenhoover came, leading his company south, with David Welsh in the lead and the Scott boys next. At what is now the south part of town, the Captain countermarched his company, and started north, and all went well until they came near the cross-roads, and to a large oak stump that was near the road. At this point, Welsh gave a knowing wink to those around, and then aimed for the stump and fell over it, and was followed by all the company, until they all lay in one pile around the stump, with their broom-sticks and corn-stalks in their hands, and raising a roar of laughter. This broke up the muster in a row.

About the year 1841, I chanced to go to Marysville on an errand. I went across the square, to the southwest side, to Rodney Picket's store, where I heard some men indulging in loud laughing. I was a timid boy, but got close enough to overhear the cause of laughter. A man, whose name I did not learn, had taken a contract to paint the court house, and had prepared his paint by mixing in buttermilk, in order to save money; but when he carried it to the building to commence work he left it for a short time, and some hogs drank it up—and this was what the men were laughing about.

In early times, there lived on the knoll east of the present residence of G. B. Hamilton, a person of some notoriety known by the name of "Dick;" and such we will call him in this history. Dick was an innocent kind of a fellow, whose lies were not of the kind to make mischief, and whose stealings were on a small scale, and of such things as he stood in need of. It was said of Dick that if he borrowed a horse he would feed it well, if he had to steal the grain from its owner to do so. He was always ready to do a kind act, and was looked upon as rather a good kind of fellow, in spite of his weakness. He was a man of some talent, had a passion for polemics, and was fond of talking of his skill as a debater. He had one besetting sin, that was not offset by a virtue sufficient, in the eyes of his neighbors, for the wrong; it was that of whipping his wife, whose name was Hannah. The old men of the community tried to scold and shame him out of so bad a habit, but it was of no use. Very frequently Hannah's screams would be heard all the country round, and the neighbors would be disturbed by his efforts to correct his wife. It was finally proposed that the young men of the neighborhood should take the matter in hand, and try the effect of a debate on "Poor Richard." The matter was duly considered, and plans matured. It was arranged to hold the debate in the upper room of Samuel Hamilton's house, which was the best room of the kind in the country, save the two churches in Richwood. The time for meeting was set at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, that all might attend. First, there was to be a question discussed such as Dick was fond of, and he was to be one of the principal disputants. John Graham was to be President Judge of the first debate, and when it closed, and the decision of the judges was given, he was to retire from his chair and name his successor. Upon doing so, he chose Dick as the President Judge on the debate to follow. The first one was cut short, to give time to the second. Richard, upon taking the chair, returned thanks for the honor done him, and stated that the next thing in order was to choose the Assistant Judges; whereupon Samuel Graham and Eleazer Rose were appointed—they being in league with the others in the scheme to give Dick a scorching. The three were placed on the seats of honor, with Richard in the center. It was further agreed that the question should be, "What crime should sink a man the lowest in the estimation of the community?" James C. Dobie and C. S. Hamilton were appointed leaders in the discussion. Dobie chose J. H. Hamilton and B. Graham as his assistants, while Hamilton chose John Graham and John Wells. Each leader was to choose for himself whatever crime he saw fit, as being the one that should sink a person the lowest in the esteem of his fellow-men, each speaker to be allowed two speeches. Dobie opened the discussion by choosing lying and stealing, as being the worse of all crimes. He was a fluent speaker, and made a good address, scoring Dick pretty heavily. He was followed by Hamilton, who had great difficulty in finding a crime that was as degrading as lying or stealing. After naming over all the crimes he could think of, he finally concluded to select "wife-whipping" as the one which, above all others, should sink a man the lowest in the scale of human existence. Poor Richard now saw that he was caught, but it was too late; for if he had attempted to leave, the two assistant judges would have held him to his post. Hamilton opened for his side, by admitting all that Dobie had said as to the meanness of the liar and thief, but argued that the man who would whip his wife was meaner still. When it came John Graham's turn to speak, he made a fine argument, tending to show that in the single act of whipping a wife were found all the crimes in the list—that the wife-whipper was a liar and a perjurer as well as a thief. Dobie's side made an effort to ward off some of the blows, and did well for some three hours, until it came Hamilton's turn to close the debate. He, no doubt, then made the best speech of his life; taking the position that a man might be a liar, a thief, a robber, a pirate, a murderer, and yet, if he had manhood enough left in him to live true to his marriage vows, he was entitled to some respect from his fellow-men; but that when he was so far gone as to beat his own wife—the mother of his children—he was so low down in the scale of existence that he was not entitled to any respect from either men or devils; and the wife-beater was to be shunned and scorned in this life, as one would shun a viper; even in hell he would not be accounted worthy to associate with the lost, but that in one corner there would be a place by itself, in which to confine none but wife-whippers, for the reason that they were so low it would be unjust to compel others to associate with them, even in the regions of the damned. He then appealed to the judges to decide, without hesitating one moment, that wife-whipping should, of all crimes, sink a man lowest in the estimation of the community.

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* Contributed by Capt. H. C. Hamilton.

During all this long debate, of three or four hours, poor Richard sat with his head down, and only now and then made an ineffectual effort to look up. Afterward, he said to one of his associate judges that it was the hardest question he was ever called upon to decide! Dick was quite anxious to try the same game on some of his neighbors, with a view to their reformation. He would say to his chums, "Let us have a debate over such a fellow, and see if we can't break him of some of his mean tricks." Dick lived and died near Richwood, and, so far as I know, was not known to whip Hannah after the debate.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

SIMEON ADAMS, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Pennsylvania February 24, 1821. He is a son of Hazard and Elizabeth (Wort) Adams, the former a native of Connecticut, of English descent, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent. Our subject was raised and educated as a farmer, and has followed farming through life. He came to Union County in 1841, and located on a farm of 150 acres, which he improved and which he still occupies. He was married, in 1850, to Elizabeth Schechter, who was born in Maryland March 28, 1828; she is a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Bond) Schechter. By this union five children were born, viz.: Margaret, deceased; Jennie E., wife of C. McCallister; Emma, deceased; Frank L. and Henry H. Mrs. Adams is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Adams is a Republican in politics, and has served as Trustee of his township two terms.

L. G. BAKER, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Knox County, Ohio, August 1, 1836; he is a son of William and Lucy (Rowley) Baker, natives of Massachusetts. His father was a farmer by occupation, and came to Ohio in his early life, settling in Knox County, where our subject was raised, and remained until 1847, when he came to Union County. He received a common school education and adopted the occupation of farming, which he has since followed with success, now owning a good farm in this township. He was married in 1861, to Mary E. Monson, daughter of Theodore W. and Hester (Cowgill) Monson, who came to this county in 1826. She is one of five children, all of whom were teachers. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have four children, viz.: Hester A., Wealthy V., Lucina R. and Lyman E. The parents are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, in which Mr. Baker has been a class leader and trustee. He is a Republican in politics.

PORTER E. BARNES, of Richwood, Ohio, is the senior member of the firm of Barnes & Rosette, agents for Louis Cook's celebrated carriages, spring wagons, buggies and hand-made harness, J. B. Dennison & Co.'s, Lexington, Ky., buggies, United States Carriage Co.'s buggies, of Columbus, Ohio, the McCormick Harvester and Binder, and the Baker Drill, in Union, Marion and Delaware Counties. This enterprising firm is doing an extensive and successful business in Union and surrounding counties, their object being to handle the best articles in the market, and to make rapid and numerous sales, with small profits. They do business in a prompt and honorable manner, give universal satisfaction, and fully merit the liberal patronage they now enjoy. Mr. Barnes was born in the Empire State May 14, 1851, and is a son of Porter and Eliza (Tucker) Barnes, natives of Massachusetts, of English descent. His father emigrated from New York in 1855, and settled at Warren, Trumbull Co., Ohio, where he died in 1864. He was a wealthy and influential farmer, and an extensive breeder of and dealer in fine stock. The subject of this sketch attended Hiram College, where the late James A. Garfield was President, and in 1868 graduated at Baldwin University, Syracuse, N. Y. In 1870, he engaged as shipping clerk for Camp, Randall & Co., in the grain and flax business, at Warren, Ohio, and afterward conducted their branch establishment at Richwood, Ohio, spending altogether eight years in their employ, and in that time superintending the building of the flax mill at Richwood. He is a member of Marion Chapter, and of the Knights Templar, A., F. & A. M., a charter member of Richwood Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and a Republican in politics. He served three years as Township Clerk, and was a member of the Building Committee of the Board of Education when the public school building was erected. He was married in 1870, to Ophelia Herr, of West Salem, Wayne Co, Ohio. She was a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Elgin) Herr, natives of Virginia, where her father owned a plantation and 400 slaves at the breaking-out of the war. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have four children, viz.: Alice D., Porter E., Earl R. and George H. Mr. Barnes owns a handsome residence near the depot at Richwood, in which he and his family reside.

JOB G. BEARDSLEY, retired farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., September 16, 1810. He is a son of William and Eunice (Gardner) Beardsley, natives of Connecticut. His father was a shoe-maker by trade, but spent most of his life farming. He came to Ohio in 1814, and settled in Licking County, removing from there to Knox County. He died at the age of eighty-two years; his wife lived to reach ninety years of age. Our subject remained with his parents in Knox County until eighteen years of age, when he began learning the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked ten years in Licking County. In 1843, he began farming, and has has since followed that honorable avocation, until recently, when he retired from active life. In 1852, he came to Claibourne Township, and now owns a farm of 106 acres in this township He was married in Knox County, in 1834, to Patience Webster, a native of New York, by whom he had ten children, of whom six reached their majority and two now survive, viz: Mary, wife of Isaac Cowgill, and James W. Mrs. Beardsley died August 25, 1870, and in 1871 Mr. Beardsley married Nancy (Bell) Sifritt, widow of Andrew Sifritt, who at the time of their marriage had two children, Lorenzo and Margaret. Mrs. and Mrs. Beardsley are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a prominent Republican in politics. He had one son, William Webster, who enlisted in 1862, in the Second Ohio Infantry, and had his right leg shot off at the second battle of Bull Run, which resulted in his death two years later.

WILLIAM BEATHARD, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Jerome Township, Union County, March 18, 1820; he is a son of William and Mary (Chappel) Beathard, the former a native of Maryland, of Irish descent, and the latter a native of Virginia, of Scotch descent. Our subject was raised on his father's farm, but in early life he learned the cooper's trade, which, with several other occupations, he has since followed, having been a farmer for the last twenty years. He owns a farm of eighty acres of land, on which he resides. In 1840, he married Dorotha Wasson, daughter of Thomas and Keziah (Noble) Wasson, and a native of New York. By this union six children were born, four surviving, viz., Thomas M., Charles W., Roxy M., wife of Sanford Wiley, and Cassia J., wife of Norman E. Cahill. Mr. and Mrs. Beathard are members of the United Brethren Church, in which he has been a Class Leader, Steward and Trustee; he is a Republican in politics.

JACOB BEEM, one of a family of eleven children, was born in Alleghany County, Md., March 4, 1799, and was the son of Michael Beem, who was born in Germany March 5, 1755 . his father came to America when Mike was six years old. He had one brother, Richard, who was shortly after killed by a mule kicking him, leaving but one of the name in America, and to date we have never met any one of the name except the descendents of Michael. At about the time of the breaking-out of the Revolution, he married Elizabeth Green, niece of Gen. Green, (who was active in the Revolutionary struggle in gaining our independence). He enlisted early in the Revolutionary war, was on Gen. Washington's staff and was in service until the close of the war, after which he engaged in mercantile business, in Westernport, Md., for a time, the returned to farming. In 1812, he removed to Licking County, Ohio, where he engaged in farming. On the 15th of November, 1827, Jacob, the younger son, was married to Phœbe Rose, the daughter of Rev. Philip Rose, and remained in that county until 1832, in which year he came to Union County, with the intention of buying 600 acres of land where Richwood now stands, but was a few days too late, the land having been purchased by Philip Plummer. He, however, bought 400 acres of the Clarks, part of which he retained and lived on at the time of his death in 1878. He was a man of strong physical, mental and moral powers, thought and acted for himself, would mold to the ideas of others only when they were consistent with reason and, upon the whole, just such a character as would brave the hardships of a new country and pioneer life, and awaken energy, enterprise and moral force in the circle in which he moved. He bought, sold and traded in lands and stock, farmed quite extensively and also took contracts to clear land. Perhaps he and his boys cleared more land than any other family in the township. He was a Universalist in religious belief, believing that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain a revelation of the character of God and of the duty, interest and final destination of mankind, and that there is one God whose nature is love, revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ by one Holy Spirit of grace, who will finally restore the whole family of mankind to holiness and happiness; also that holiness and happiness are inseparably connected, and in order to be happy one must practice only such principles as produce the best results, denying self of all ungodliness and worldly lust. He was the father of nine sons and one daughter, being the only one in the township who could boast of a "seventh son." He died at the ripe age of seventy-nine years, leaving a wife and eight children to mourn his loss, two of the sons having given their lives in the service of their country in the war of the rebellion.

ORRIN BEEM, pike contractor, Richwood, was born in Licking County, Ohio, July 24, 1830; he is the son of Jacob and Phœbe (Rose) Beem, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Licking County, Ohio, of English and German descent. His father came to Union County in 1830 and settled in Claibourne Township. Our subject was raised on a farm and followed farming until thirty-four years of age. In 1855, he went to Illinois, where he was engaged in farming until 1864, when he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Illinois Infantry, Company K, under Col. Goodwin, and served as First Lieutenant of his company until the close of the war. He carried his Christian character with him in the army, did his duty like a good soldier and was highly respected by both officers and men. On his return to civil life he returned to this county and purchased the hotel still known as the Beem House, in Richwood, which he conducted for some years. He operated a saw mill in 1872 and has since been variously engaged, now being a partner of P. G. Wynegar in contracting for and building turnpike roads. He owns forty or fifty town lots and a handsome residence now occupied by his family. He laid off Beem's Addition to the town of Richwood and takes a deep interest in any thing tending to the growth or improvement of his town. On June 11, 1855, he married Ellen B. Woodward, a daughter of Moses Woodward, a native of Vermont, of English and German descent. Seven children are the issue of this marriage, viz., Isaac N.; Mary, wife of Dr. M. J. Jenkins; Aurora, deceased; Minnie, a graduate of the Richwood High School in the class of '80; Rose, a junior in the Richwood High School; Jacob and Frederick. Mr. and Mrs. Beem are members of the Protestant Church of Richwood.

LEWIS CLEMONS BEEM, of the firm of Beem & Biddle, manufacturers, Richwood, Ohio, was born in Claibourne Township, Union County, November 15, 1847; his father, Jacob Beem, was born in Md., in 1799, and came to Union County at an early day, settling in Claibourne Township. He was a life-long farmer, and at the time of his death in 1878, owned 237 acres of good land. His wife Phebe Rose, was a native of Franklin County, Ohio, of English descent. Our subject was raised on the farm, attending the district schools and a select school, and in early life taught school for a time. In 1871, he engaged in the saw mill business with his brother, and in 1873 he came to Richwood. In 1875, he embarked in his present business with Mr. Biddle. They began business with little capital, but now have one of the most successful enterprises in Richwood. In 1881, Mr. Beem married Margaret Graham, daughter of Patterson Graham; she is a native of Union County, and a member of the Protestant Church. They have had one child, Ada, deceased.

B. F. BEEM, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Claibourne Township October 31, 1850, and is a son of Jacob and Phebe (Rose) Beem. He was raised on a farm, receiving a common school education, and when eighteen years of age engaged in saw milling with his brother, Lewis Beem, following that business in Claibourne and Jackson Townships until he reached his majority. He then began farming and has since followed that occupation, with more than average success, now being the owner of 200 acres of land, on which he has erected a $2,000 residence. He is purely a self-made man. On December 28, 1876, he married Miss Laura J. Walker, a daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Allen) Walker, and a native of Marion County, Ohio, where she was born September 13, 1855. They have one child, Fannie Belle. Mr. Beem is a Republican in politics.

JOHN W. BELL, proprietor of saw mill and manufacturer, P. O. Claibourne, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, January 5, 1845, and is a son of William and Margaret (Shipley) Bell, the former a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent, and the latter a native of Wayne County, Ohio, of Scotch descent. Our subject was raised on a farm, where he remained until twenty-one years of age, when he engaged in operating a saw mill for others. Two years later he purchased a half interest in the mill, After several changes he came to Claibourne Village and engaged in saw milling with Mr. Shearer, a pioneer miller of this county, with whom he still continues. They manufacture spokes and felloes for wagons and are doing a good business in the saw mill. Our subject was married October 10, 1878, to Mary Brown, daughter of P. G. and Sarah Brown, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Ohio. Mr. Bell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Bell of the Baptist. He is a Democrat in politics, but always votes for the man and not the party.

HENRY BIDDLE (deceased). Prominent among the early farmers of Union was the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was born in England August 27, 1829, and in 1832 emigrated to America, with his parents, Joseph and Maria (Williams) Biddle, who settled on a farm of 110 acres, south of Richwood, a part of which is now in the corporation of the village. His father was a heavy set man, weighing over two hundred pounds, active and energetic, and before his emigration, had gained considerable fame as a professional wrestler, which was a characterstic very much admired at that time in England. He was a millwright by trade, and built several mills in America, among them the mill at Richwood. He died in 1856. Henry received a very limited education and followed the occupation of farming, at the time of his death being the owner of 180 acres of land. He was married in 1850 to Eunice Latson, who was born in New York in 1832, of German and English parentage. Their marriage was blessed with eight children, viz.: George, who was born in Claibourne Township, August 10, 1852, and on October 15, 1879, married Ann Lake, a sister of John Lake, by whom he had two children, Harry and Carrie Bell. He has been a life-long farmer. The second child, Seneca, is deceased. The third, Thomas H., was born in this township December 12, 1856, and is likewise a farmer, now owning eighty-three acres of land. In 1876, he married Lydia A. Hamilion, a daughter of Benjamin and Abagail (Graham) Hamilton, and a member of the Deciples Church. They have three children—Maggie, M., Pearl C., and Florence Abagail. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Richwood. The fourth child, Annie M., is now the wife of M. B. Hill. The fifth, Emma is deceased. The sixth, Sarah E., now a resident of Columbus. The seventh died in infancy. The youngest child, Jennie May, born in 1871, is now attending school. Mr. Biddle was a charter member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Richwood, and a faithful member of the fraternity until death. He died December 15, 1877. His widow resides on the old homestead at Richwood.

CHARLES BIDDLE, of the firm of Beem & Biddle, manufacturers, Richwood, Ohio, was born in Columbus, Ohio, March 8, 1849, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Perry) Biddle. His father built a planing mill in Columbus, in 1849, which is said by him to have been the first built in the State. Our subject worked in the planing mill until nineteen years of age, when he worked on the railroad as a fireman for a short time; after which he took charge of the railroad round house and held it till the strike of 1873. He did not join the strike, as he does not believe in them, but resigned his position because he thought it policy to do so. In 1874, he went to work in the planing mill at Columbus, and in 1875 came to Richwood and embarked in his present enterprise with Mr. Beem. They employ about thirty hands, do an extensive business and ship goods of their production all over the world. Mr. Biddle has ingeniously contrived several inventions that have materially increased their capacity for production. They manufacture wheelbarrows that have an extensive sale throughout the United States, single orders being sent in for as many as 100,000 at one time. Mr. Biddle, was married, in 1874, to Anna Fisher, a native of Union County, and a daughter of William Fisher, and by her has had two children —Laura and William. Mr. Biddle is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

CHARLES O. BISHOP, of the firm of Loveless, Howe & Bishop, proprietors of the Richwood Woolen Mills, and dealers in wool, grain, hides, furs and staves, Richwood, Ohio, was born in Logan County, Ohio, October 10, 1843; he is a son of Thomas and Sabina (Schenck) Bishop, natives of New Jersey. His father died when Charles was twelve years old and his mother lived a widow until her death in 1875, at the age of seventy-six years. Our subject was the fifth of a family of eight children. He was raised on the farm, receiving a common school education, and worked at farming until 1871, when he came to Richwood and embarked in the stave trade. In 1880, he combined his business with his present partners, and established the firm as it now exists. In 1870, he married Adelaide Fawn, a native of Union County, and a daughter of Edward Fawn, who was a farmer of this county for forty-six years of his life. To Mr. and Mrs. Bishop one child has been born, viz., Newton Otto. Mrs. Bishop is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN BLAIR, farmer and dealer in agricultural implements, Richwood, was born in Bedford County, Penn., May 25, 1831. His parents were Edmond and Esther (Casteel) Blair, natives of Pennsylvania, of English descent, who came to Ohio in 1832, and passed their entire lives on the farm. Our subject was reared on the farm and received a common school education. He has followed farming during the greater part of his life, and at present is also engaged in the sale of farming implements, at Richwood. He received a liberal start in life, from his father, who was well-to-do, and now owns 300 acres of prime land in this county. He was married in 1852 to Camellia Hodson, a native of Ohio, by whom he has had three children, viz.: Edmond, deceased, S. Milton and John Frank. Mr. and Mrs Blair are members of the Methodist Protestant Church at Bethlehem, in which he is a Trustee. He is a Democrat in politics and has held most of the offices of the township. He came to this county in 1872 and settled two miles south of Richwood, where he now resides. He makes a specialty of Norman horses, on which he has taken the premium twice at the State Fair, and has also a fine stock of cattle.

S. M. BLAKE, Richwood. Prominent among the enterprising business men of Union County figures the subject of this sketch, who is a member of the firm of S. M. & A. J. Blake, bankers, lumber dealers and proprietors of Richwood Planing Mills, and also senior member of the firm of S. M. Blake & Co., druggists. He was born in Portage County, Ohio, April 3, 1831, and is a son of James and Betsey (Avery) Blake. His father was a farmer, and emigrating to Ohio in 1826, located in Portage County. Our subject was raised on a farm, receiving a common school education and followed farming until 1874, when he moved to Richwood and engaged in the lumber trade and banking, both of which he has since followed with more than ordinary success. He subsequently embarked in the drug business and in 1881, associated himself in this business with C. E. Hill, under the firm name given above. He is a thorough business man, and takes an active interest in everything that pertains to the best interest of Richwood. He is a Republican in politics, and though he has no aspirations for official honors, he has been called upon to fill several of the town and township offices. He was married in 1857 to Harriet Parsons, by whom he has had seven children, four now living, viz.: Bessie, wife of J. E. Robinson, who has charge of the lumber yard of the firm of S. M. & A. J. Blake; Gracie, Harry and Sylvia.

ADONIRAM JUDSON BLAKE, of Richwood, was born in Brimfield, Portage Co., Ohio, on November 15, 1885. His parents were from Litchfield County, Conn., having emigrated from there in the year 1825; he was the youngest of four brothers. There were also two sisters in the family, one younger and one older. During the first sixteen years of his life, his labors were such as are incident to a farmer boy's life, with only such school advantages as were offered by the district school. For the next two years, he attended a high school a part of each year in an adjoining village. It was while attending one of these schools, known as an "academy," that his father "hired him out," to teach the winter term of school in one of the subdistricts of his native township. He entered upon this work a few days before he was eighteen years of age. His success in this, his first "term," can be measured by a proposition made to him by the School

Directors of the district to continue the term for another month. In the following autumn, through the influence of himself and several associates, a select school was organized in their own township, and was continued during the fall and sometimes through the winter months for several years. For the next few years his time was divided between teaching in the winter and attending school and institutes in the summer, most of this time in his native township. In 1857, he was asked to take charge of the grammer school department of the Salem, Columbiana County, Union Schools. In this position he remained three years, when he accepted the position of teacher of the high school at Upper Sandusky Wyandot Co., Ohio, which he resigned in the spring of 1861. Desiring to take a rest, he visited several schools in this part of Ohio, and while visiting at Cardington, Morrow County, he was unamimously tendered the superintendency of the union schools of that place, which he accepted, and held for a year and a half, finally resigning on account of ill health. After a few months' rest, he embarked in the stove and tin ware trade at that place. He was married in Cardington, Ohio, August 20, 1863, to Miss Clotilda W. Shur, second daughter of John Shur, of that place, who was then an Assessor of Internal Revenue under Abraham Lincoln. Desirous of bearing his part in the war, he contributed liberally of his means to furnish men and means, and was only prevented from joining the ranks by Dr. Fisher's examination, which pronounced him "physically unfit for the service." In August, 1865, he came to this place, and engaged in the general hardware and stove business. His friends in Cardington believed the venture was an experiment, and that he would soon return to their village. Encouraged by his success, in the spring of 1866, he removed his stock of stoves and hardware from that place to this, thus combining both stocks, and formed the partnership of A. J. Blake & Co., with D. W. Godman as partner. In the spring of the same year, he erected a two-story frame building, twenty feet wide by one hundred feet long, on the ground now occupied by Godman & Thornhill's hardware store. In May of that year, he was asked by several of the citizens of the place to accept the appointment as Postmaster, which recommendation was laid before Postmaster General W. Dennison by the Hon. C. S. Hamilton, and, accordingly, on the 26th day of May, 1866, he was commissioned as Postmaster, which office he held until compelled to resign the same by a pressure of business relations. He has always taken an active part in the educational interests of the place in which he resides. After resigning his position as superentendent in Cardington, he was chosen a member of the School Board. Soon after coming to Richwood, he drafted a petition for what is now the Richwood Village District, to withdraw from the township subdistrict plan, which was adopted, and out of which has grown our system of union schools. Most of the time since, he has been a member of the School Board, having been selected as its Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer at different times. He has also assisted in preparing the course of study for the high school, and in conducting its examinations. His love for the profession of teaching has not died out yet, as nothing gives him greater pleasure than to meet a body of teachers, either in a school room or at his own residence. He thinks it no discredit that, out of his father's family of six children, five of them were school teachers. While in the hardware trade in this place, he saw the necessity of a planing mill and lumber yard, and the firm of A. J. Blake & Co. associated with them Mr. S. Carter, under the name of S. Carter & Co., and built the building, and stocked the yard, which is now owned by S. M. & A. J. Blake. In January, 1873, he disposed of his interest in the hardware business to Mr. F. H. Thornhill, and proceeded to the erection of the dwelling house, which he now occupies. In Januarry, 1874, he, with his brother, S. M. Blake, and others engaged in the banking business, under the name of "Union County Bank," in which as cashier he has continued to the present time. In politics, he has always been a stanch Republican, having cast his first Presidential vote for A. Lincoln. He has a personal acquantance with President Garfield, and took an enthusiastic interest in his election. He had been honored by his fellow-townsman by township and corporation local offices, the positions having been tendered him without solicitation. He is a strong believer in that feature of civil service reform that "the office should seek the man, and not the man seek the office." He and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he was a lay delegate to the last lay delegate conference. His family consists of three sons and one daughter. The two older sons, aged respectively sixteen and eighteen, are editors and publishers of the Richwood *Reporter*, a local newspaper started in January, 1882. Although taking an active interest in public measures and busy with private affairs, he is happiest in the presence of his own family, or with a friend or two at his comfortable residence, where his hospitatity is without measure.

JOSEPH P. BROOKS, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Licking County, Ohio, May 29, 1831; his parents were J. P. and Sarah Brooks. His father, who was a sea-faring man, and for fourteen years Captain of a vessel; left the sea, and, coming to Ohio, engaged in the pork traffic. He afterward moved to Licking County, and engaged in farming. Our subject received his education in the graded schools of Columbus, which he attended until his family moved away. He chose the occupation of farming and has made that the principal object of his life. In 1861, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Ohio Infantry, and participated in the battle of Fort Donelson, siege of Vicksburg and other important engagements. He was three times wounded, but not seriously. He was in command of Mortar Boat No. 2, that shelled Island No. 10, on the Mississippi. He was married in 1853 to Christina Duhl, who was born in Pennsylvania January 3, 1831. They have three children—Henry J., C. and Ella F. Mr. Brooks is a Republican and the owner of sixty acres of land.

OLIVER D. BROWNING, of the firm of Williams & Browning, grain dealers, Richwood, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, January 20, 1844, and is a son of William and Sally Ann (Grove) Browning, the former a native of Ohio, of English and German descent, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania, of English descent. His father was a life-long farmer and resident of Ohio; he came to Union County in 1875, and died in Richwood in 1877. Our subject was raised on a farm and received a common school education. In 1872, he sold his farm and came to Richwood, where he has since resided. He was married, in 1872, to Almeda Charles, a native of Licking County, Ohio, and a daughter of Simon and Amanda (Seymour) Charles. They have one child, Ida E. Mr. Browning has acted in his present capacity, as agent for Camp, Randall & Lyons, grain dealers, of Warren, Ohio, for the past seven years. He is a Republican in politics.

ISAAC CAHILL, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Union County, Ohio, March 31, 1850, and is a son of J. E. and Hannah (Brisben) Cahill. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, where he followed farming until 1839, when he came to this county and engaged extensively in farming and stock dealing. Our subject was raised on the farm, but received all the advantages of a collegiate education in the colleges at Marysville and Delaware. He has chosen farming for an occupation and in it has been very successful, now owning 217 acres of land. He and his brother, Benton, have farmed in partnership and are now partners in everything but their real estate. Mr. Cahill was married, in 1876, to Tillie Figley, by whom he has one child, John E. Mrs. Cahill is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Cahill is a stockholder in the Richwood Bank, a Democrat in politics and a member of Richwood Lodge, No. 303, F. & A. M. He occupies a neat and comfortable residence, built at a cost of $4,500, and is very much attached to his home and family.

BENTON CAHILL, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Claibourne Township, Union County, Ohio, March 16, 1854; he is a son of J. E. and Hannah (Brisben) Cahill. His father was a carpenter by trade, and followed that occupation in early life. He came to Claibourne Township September 16, 1839, and, improving a farm, engaged in farming, which he followed with more than ordinary success until his death, which occurred February 3, 1874. He also dealt largely in stock, buying, selling and trading, and at his death owned 841 acres of land, which he had accumulated during a life of industry and thrift. He was twice married, having by his first wife, who only lived two years after marriage, one child, that died young. By his second wife he had eight children, six of them now living and all, with one exception, residents of this county. Our subject, the youngest child, was raised on the farm and has followed the occupation of a farmer during the whole of his life, now owning 185 acres of land in this township. He was married, in 1874, to Lavina Howland, a native of Kentucky, and a daughter of J. Howland. By this union three children were born, viz., Sylvia Belle, Laura J. and Emery Uriah. Mr. Cahill is a Democrat in politics, as was his father, the latter at one time having been nominated for Representative by his party in this county.

GEORGE W. CANAN, miller, P. O. Richwood, was born in Knox County, Ohio, January 17, 1830, and is a son of Robert and Jane S. (Rigur) Canan, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of Irish and the latter of English descent. They emigrated to Ohio in 1820, and settled in Licking County. Our subject early learned milling in his father's mill, and when he was seventeen years of age he moved with his parents to Delaware County, where he and his father purchased a mill in partnership, which they operated until they purchased the Richwood Mill in 1864. His father died in 1865, and since that time he has been in business by himself. His son-in-law, D. H. Rowland, owns and operates the mill and warehouse adjoining him, and deals in grain, seed, etc. Mr. Canan was married, in 1852, to Sarah M. Cutcheon, a native of Ohio, of German descent, by whom he has four children living, viz.: Mary (wife of D. H. Rowland), Anna E., Florence A. and Sarah M. Mr. and Mrs. Canan are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he has been steward, trustee and class-leader of the church at Richwood. He has occupied the offices of Township Trustee, Corporation Treasurer, member of the Village Council and for twelve years a member of the Board of Education. He is the owner of the house and lot in Richwood, in which he resides.

D. P. COOK, furniture dealer, Richwood, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, August 24, 1829, and is a son of Rodney and Laura (Cales) Cook, natives of Connecticut, of English descent. He received a common school education, and has spent his life in the pursuit of several occupations, never having learned any trade. He kept a livery stable in Columbus ten years, and, in 1852, went to Omaha, Neb., and the Western States and Territories. Returning to Ohio, he engaged in farming for ten years, after which he went to Morrow County, where he followed buying, selling and shipping horses, and for two years operated a flax mill. In 1880, he came to Richwood and embarked in the livery business, which he discontinued in 1882, to engage in his present enterprise—furniture selling. He has been three times married, his first wife having been Lucy Smith, by whom he had one son, Emmet R., born in 1863, and owner of the store in which his father does business. Mr. Cook is a Republican, and a member of Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 194.

DANIEL S. COPP, farmer and dairyman, P. O. Richwood, is a son of Hayes D. and Dolly (Emery) Copp, natives of New Hampshire, the former of Irish, and the latter of English descent. The father was a life-long farmer, and a prominent man among the agriculturists. Our subject was reared on a farm and received an ordinary public school education. In 1877, he came to Ohio and located at Fremont, where he remained until 1881, when he removed to Claibourne Township, one mile north of Richwood, where he still resides. He owns fifty-five acres of land, on which he pastures cows, selling the milk and doing a general dairy business in connection with his farm operations. He was married in 1874 to Lizzie A. Drew, a native of Ohio, of English descent, and a daughter of Alvin Drew. Mr. Copp is a Democrat in politics.

ISAAC COWGILL, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Claibourne Township, one mile from where he now lives, March 24, 1838; he is a son of George W. and Susan (Smart) Cowgill, natives of the Eastern States, of English descent. His father was a farmer, and to this occupation our subject has devoted his life. He has been successful in his business, and owns a nice improved farm of good land on the Marysville pike. He was married in 1859 to Eunice Mary Beardsley, a daughter of J. G. Beardsley, whose sketch appears in this work; she was formerly a school teacher, and is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. By this union one child was born—Ida A., who married William S. Bonner, and has two children—C. C. and Fay. Mr. Cowgill is a Democrat in politics.

JOHN CRAMER, liveryman, Richwood. Our subject was born in Guernsey County, Ohio; his parents were Benjamin and Anna (Speck) Cramer, natives of Maryland, of German descent. His father was a life-long farmer, and one of the early settlers of this State. Our subject was raised on a farm, and has devoted most of his life to the occupation of a farmer. In 1881, he sold his farm and embarked in the livery business at Richwood. Upon the death of his father, he was appointed administrator of the estate, and as such discharged his duties in a most satisfactory manner. He married Eliza Hudson, a daughter of John and Olinda (Ward) Hudson, and by her has had six children, namely, Leander, deceased in 1880, and Samantha, twins, Olinda A., Mary C., Sarah J. and Edward R. Leander, at the time of his decease, was an influential and wealthy farmer of this county.

THOMAS P. CRATTY, merchant, Richwood, was born in Marion County, Ohio, December, 12, 1830, and is the son of Samuel and Jane (Pugh) Cratty, natives of Ohio, the former of Irish and the latter of Welsh descent. His paternal grandfather is still living at the age of ninety-eight years. Our subject was educated principally at the Delaware (Ohio) University, and pursued his studies with the view of becoming a lawyer. Fearing he would not be able to acquire the profession for lack of funds, he abandoned the idea and resorted to store-keeping and auctioneering to gain livelihood. He still retains his liking for the legal profession, and has argued a great many cases before Justices of the Peace with marked success. As an auctioneer, he has but few equals, and no superiors in this part of the country. He began his business life in 1859 in the grocery and dry goods trade in Marion County, where he remained until 1863, when he engaged in the same business at Richwood. On the organization of the Union County Bank, he was elected its President, and has served in that capacity ever since. He is a Republican in politics, and for a time served as Mayor of the village of Richwood. Prior to engaging in mercantile pursuits, he had taught school from the time he was eighteen years of age. He is a thorough business man, and the owner of 125 acres of land, all of which he has made by his own exertions. He was married in 1861 to Ann Eliza Fish, a daughter of Samuel Fish, of Marion County, and by her has had four children, viz., S. Frank, Nina May, Mina J. and Princess Eva. Mr. and Mrs. Cratty are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a licentiate minister.

CAPT. OTWAY CURRY, grocer, Richwood, son of Stephenson and Sarah D. (Robinson) Curry, was born in Jerome Township, Union Co., Ohio, August 5, 1835, and grew to manhood upon his father's farm. He acquired a common school education, and continued in the pursuit of farm duties until he was twenty-five years of age, since when, with the exception of the time spent in the army during the rebellion, he has been engaged in mercantile business. On the 15th of August, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which regiment formed a part of the Army of the Cumberland. Mr. Curry took part in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged, the first being at Perryville, Ky., before the command had been drilled. At Chickamauga, on the 20th of September, 1862, it won golden laurels for itself, and continued to add to them during its subsequent career—through the Atlanta campaign, the famous "march to the sea," the trip through the Carolinas, and finally participated in the grand review at Washington in May, 1865. April 12, 1864, Mr. Curry was promoted Second Lieutenant of his company, and on the 15th of July following, received a commission as First Lieutenant. April 20, 1865, he was promoted to the command of the color company (C) of his regiment. His discharge was dated June 18, 1865. His record in the service was excellent. The Curry family and its connections sent thirteen representatives to the war during the rebellion, which fact of itself is glory enough, even without the added fame of a good record while wearing the uniform of the government. Upon his return "home from the war," Capt. Curry embarked in a mercantile venture in company with his brother Capt. William L. Curry, now a resident of Marysville, and Auditor of Union County. Their store was at New California, in Jerome Township. In 1868, Otway Curry established a grocery at Richwood, where he has built up a successful business, and is at present located. Since he became a fixture at this point his good management has enabled him to accumulate a fair property, and his prospects for the future are flattering. July 30, 1868, he was united in marriage with Georgiana Robinson, a native of Union County, Ohio, who has borne him two children—Lena T. and Ernest S. Curry. Mrs. Curry is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Capt. Curry is a gentleman to whom a pleasant home offers the greatest attractions, and he is happy in the possession of such an abiding place. He is a stanch citizen of the village in which he resides. His political affiliations is with the Democratic party. He is named for his uncle, Otway Curry, a former prominent and honored citizen of the county, and a gifted poet, whose stanzas won for him the fame of being one of the finest and most accomplished writers of verse in the great Northwest.

THOMAS J. DICKS, merchant, Richwood, was born at West Alexandria, Preble Co., Ohio, January 2, 1841, and is a son of James and Margaret (Weaver) Dicks, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio, both of English descent. He was educated in the graded schools of Dayton, Ohio, and since 1860, has been engaged almost exclusively in selling goods. During the war, he served in a regiment of three months' men; he was a member of the State militia for a term of five years. In 1881, he came to Richwood and opened one of the finest dry goods stores of the village, under the firm name of T. J. Dicks & Co. He carries a large and varied stock of goods, receives a liberal share of patronage and is doing a thriving business. He was married May 26, 1875, to Nanna Deardorff, a native of Ohio, by whom he has had one child, Ella Mary, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dicks are Lutherans and hold their membership in the church at Dayton.

JOHN DILSAVER, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, May 26, 1806, and is a son of Michael and Hannah (Coon) Dilsaver, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania, both of English descent. His father came to Ohio in early manhood, and was one of the earliest settlers of the State; he was a tanner by trade, and is said to have tanned the first leather that was ever tanned on the west side of the Scioto River. Our subject attended school in the primitive log schoolhouses of pioneer days, and chose the occupation of a farmer, also conducting a tannery for a time. He came to Union County nearly half a century ago and located south of where Richwood now stands, where he still resides. He opened a tannery on this farm, in early days, but has long since discontinued it. When he began life for himself he spent five years working out by the month at $8 per month. He now has 170 acres of land on which he resides, and eighty acres in Paulding County. He is an old Jacksonian Democrat and cast his first vote for "Old Hickory," the head of that party. In 1831, he married Sarah Jane Bridge, a native of Ohio, by whom he has had seven children, namely, Almira (deceased), Albert, Edward, Michael, Hannah, wife of Jacob Beem, William (deceased) and Lavina. Mr. and Mrs. Dilsaver are members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

ADAM DILSAVER, farmer and brickmason, P. O. Richwood, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, January 3, 1817; his parents were George and Elizabeth (North) Dilsaver, natives of Virginia, and of English descent, who came to Ohio in 1810 and settled in Delaware County. His father was a soldier of the war of 1812, and a life-long farmer of Delaware County. Our subject spent his youth on the farm, and in early life learned bricklaying, which he has since followed in connection with farming. In 1841, he married Mary Ann Thrasher, by whom he had three children, John E., George T. and Mattie. His wife died in 1859, and in the same year he married Margaret Kyle, by whom has had one child—Frank. In 1872, he sold his farm in Marion County and moved to Delaware County, then to Marion, and, finally, to Union County, where he now owns ninety-seven acres of land. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty years, and has occupied the offices of steward, class-leader and trustee in the church. His wife has been a member of the same church over forty years. He is a Republican in politics, and has retired from active life.

DR. WILLIAM B. DUKE, physician and surgeon, Richwood, Ohio, was born in Licking County, Ohio, February 21, 1843; he is a son of David and Sarah (Conrad) Duke, natives of Virginia, of English descent. Our subject was reared on his father's farm, where he remained until eighteen years of age, when he went to Iowa and began clerking in a grocery. In 1863, he went to Arkansas, where he farmed for one year and also clerked in a store. At the age of twenty-four years he began reading medicine with Dr. C. H. Stimpson, of Licking County, and subsequently attended lectures in Cincinnati, receiving his diploma in 1871. He has since been entirely devoted to his practice, and in 1875 came to Richwood, where he is meeting with well-merited success. In 1869, he married Laverna V. Trevitt, a daughter of John Trevitt, and a native of Ohio. By this marriage one child has been born, viz., Herman Clyde. Mrs. Duke is a member of the Baptist Church.

J. EDELMAN, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Niagara County, N. Y., January 15, 1830; his parents were George and Elizabeth (Gaumer) Edelman, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. They came to Ohio in 1835, and settled in Wood County, where our subject was raised and educated. He chose the occupation of a farmer, and followed it during the most of his life. In 1865, he married Anna Fowler, a native of Wood County, Ohio, by whom he had four children, viz., Florence A., Harry B., Willie J. and Katie. Mrs. Edelman was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and died in 1872. In 1874, Mr. Edelman married Sarah Gast, a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Edelman are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a Trustee of the church at Richwood. He is a member of Phœnix Lodge, No. 123, F. & A. M., a Democrat in politics, and since 1874, Superintendent of gravel roads. He served as Trustee of Perrysburg Township, Wood Co., and has also been Trustee of Claibourne Township. He owns twenty-two acres of land adjoining Richwood.

JOSEPH EMBREY, jeweler, Richwood, is a son of Lewis and Margaret (Bell) Embrey, the former a native of Virginia, of English descent, and the latter a native of Scotland; he was born in Logan County, Ohio, July 1, 1855, and received his education in the graded schools of Morrow, Warren Co., Ohio, in which his father was engaged in plying his trade of watch-maker. He learned the trade of a jeweler, serving a regular apprenticeship, and in 1878 came to Richwood and established himself in business on the corner of Main and Ottawa streets. He keeps a full line of watches, clocks and silverware, and does all kinds of repairing in a manner that speaks for itself. He is a Republican in politics, a Master Mason of Mt. Carmel Lodge, No. 303, and a member of the Knights of Pythias. He has made his own start in life and is meeting with flattering successes in business.

GEORGE W. FINLEY, deceased, was born in Virginia, and was educated in the graded schools of Washington, D. C.; of his early life and his ancestry but little is now known. He was a coach-maker by trade and in early life taught school. He was married in Delaware County, Ohio, in 1851, to Angeline Williams, a daughter of Rev. John Williams and Anna Smart, his wife, who came to Ohio at an early day and settled in Fairfield County, where Mrs. Finley was born in 1828. Her father was a minister of the Methodist denomination. Mr. and Mrs Finley had five children, viz.: Ellen D., now the wife of T. T. Jones; Olive A., wife of Chauncey Hill; Otho Ray, deceased; Carrie Bell, deceased; and Mary V., wife of E. R. Finley. Mr. and Mrs. Finley were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; he was a Whig in politics until the formation of the Republican party, when he became a Democrat. He was a successful business man, a good farmer and an extensive stock dealer, and at his death owned 265 acres of land. Mrs. Finley is a grand-daughter of Joshua Scritchfield, a Revolutionary soldier, who lived until the year 1842.

C. E. FISH, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Maryland February 24, 1824; he is a son of James H. and Catherine (Easterday) Fish, natives of Maryland, the former of English and the latter of German discent. His father, who was one of the early settlers of Ohio, was a miller by trade, but after settling in this State devoted his time to farming. Our subject was raised as a farmer and since eighteen years of age has followed that occupation successfully in this township. At one time he owned 445 acres of land, but having given some to his children he now only owns 200 acres. He is a Democrat in politics. In 1848, he married Elizabeth Rench, who was born in Miami County, Ohio, March 9, 1826; she is a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Williams) Rench, natives of Ohio, of German descent. Her father was a farmer who settled in Claibourne Township in 1844. By this union fourteen children were born, of whom seven now survive, viz.: J. L., a farmer of Jackson Township; Margaret, wife of Cyrus Stamats; William, a farmer; Joanna, wife of Penrose Wiley; Orlando, a farmer; David F., a farmer and Susan Ella, the two latter living at home unmarried. Mrs. Fish is a member of the Disciples Church, and the owner of 245 acres of land in her own right, on which she resides. Mr. Fish also owns a good farm which he now cultivates.

BENJAMIN S. FISHER, retired farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Fayette County, Penn., October 4, 1808, and was a son of Enoch and Elizabeth (Stevens) Fisher, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Pennsylvania. His father was a farmer and teamster by occupation and came to the Northwest Territory in 1800, settling at Mount Vernon. He was under Gen. Anthony Wayne three years in the Indian war, and lived to the remarkable old age of one hundred and one years. Our subject was raised on the farm in the wilderness of early Ohio and never had an opportunity of receiving any education. His father being in poor circumstances, he started out in life with nothing and entirely dependent on his own exertion for his success in life. He has been a life-long farmer and has cleared three farms in Claibourne Township where he has resided since 1836, and where he accumulated a handsome fortune, the greater part of which he has already placed in the hands of his posterity. He began farming for himself at the age of twenty and retired at the age of sixty, having spent forty years to a day in tilling the soil. In 1829, he married Catharine Cramer, by whom he had eleven children, viz.: Larkins D., a farmer in this township; Sarah J., deceased wife of J. J. Thompson; Elizabeth Ellen, wife of R. Farrier; Sisson S., wife of James Merriott; William; Margaret, wife of Morris Hill, of Richwood; Michael, deceased; Mary, wife of John S. Phillips; George O.; Malissa, wife of Frank Gill; and Viola, wife of W. W. Brokaw. Mr. Fisher has given his children $18,000 to start them in life. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he has filled the office of trustee in the Church at Richwood. He is a Democrat in politics. Mrs Fisher was born April 30, 1812; she had two brothers in the war of that year.

WILLIAM FISHER, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in 1827, and is a son of Enoch and Elizabeth (Stevens) Fisher, the former a life-long farmer, and one of the early settlers of Ohio. Our subject was raised on a farm, and received a common school education. When of suitable age, he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until fifty years of age. He came to this county in 1837, and settled in Richwood, where he married Margaret Graham, by whom he has had eight children, viz.: Sarah L., Harriet M., wife of Elijah Lester; Martha C., wife of H. C. Moffitt; Margaret A., wife of Charles N. Biddle; Thomas B., Samuel P., Benjamin and John. Mrs. Fisher died January 28, 1880; she was a member of the M. E Church, and a consistant Christian woman. Mr. Fisher is also a member of the Methodist Church. He is a Republican in politics, and now owns eighty-nine acres of choice land, on which he resides.

W. M. FISHER, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born March 27, 1838, he is the son of Benjamin S. and Catherine (Cramer) Fisher, who came to this county in 1836, and now resides in Richwood. The grandfather of our subject came to Ohio in 1800, and settled in Knox County. He was a soldier under Gen. Anthony Wayne, and lived to be one hundred and one years of age. Our subject received a common school education, and has been a farmer most of his life, with the exception of two years spent in the clothing business at Richwood. He is the owner of a good farm in this township on which he resides. He was married, in 1866, to Mary Miller, by whom he has four children, viz., Frederick, Winfred, Gertrude and Albert E. Mrs. Fisher is a member of the M. E. Church in Richwood. Mr. Fisher is a Democrat, in politics.

GEORGE O. FISHER, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Richwood, was born in Claibourne Township Union Co., May 25, 1847, and is a son of Benjamin S. Fisher, whose sketch appears in this work. He was educated in his native township, and brought up to farming, which he has followed through life. He was married in 1870, to Mary E. Kinney, daughter of Israel Kinney, whose sketch also appears in this volume. This union has been blessed with two children, viz.: Charles F. and Herbert J. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are members of the Methodist Church, and he is steward in the church at Richwood. In politics, he is an unflinching Prohibitionist. He owns a farm of fifty-two acres of land with good improvements, on which stands a neat and substantial residence.

JOHN FLESHER, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, February 20, 1820, and is a son of Henry and Frances (Burgess) Flesher, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. Our subject was raised on a farm, and received a common school education. He followed farming with his father until 1865, when he came to Union County and settled in Claibourne Township, on the farm he now occupies. He owns 164½ acres of land, fifty of it in Jackson Township, all of which he has made by his personal labor. On August 15, 1844, he married Lainey Haines, a native of Ohio, of Dutch descent, by whom he has had eight children, viz.: George W., deceased; Mary F., wife of S. H. Snowden; Landora S., deceased; Emma J., wife of James W. Shultz; Susannah, deceased; A. A., deceased; Walter L. and Arthur S. Mr. and Mrs. Flesher are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has been a class leader forty years. He has also been a trustee and superintendent of the Sabbath school.

S. S. GARDINER, attorney at law and dealer in real estate, office next door to the post office, Richwood, Ohio.

JAMES W. GASTON, of the firm of Farris & Son, proprietors of the Beem House, Richwood, Ohio, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, January 1, 1852, and is a son of John and Lucretia (Crawford) Gaston, natives of Ohio. His father was a teacher by profession, and followed that occupation with more than ordinary success most of his life. He taught principally in Delaware County, where he died in 1876, an honored and highly respected citizen. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject, who was the only child of his parents, received a common school education, and when quite young began working on a farm. By his frugality and the means obtained from his father's estate, he was enabled, in 1876, to purchase the Beem House, which he is now conducting. He is a genial and accommodating landlord, well known by the traveling public, and provides for his patrons' comfort in a manner that insures for him a liberal share of the trade. His mother, now the wife of Mr. Farris, superintends the culinary department of his house. She has had four children by her second marriage, viz.: Florence, wife of L. D. Herr, Lizzie May, Maggie E. and Eddie R. Mr. and Mrs. Farris are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and he is a member of the choir. He is a Republican in politics.

HENRY D. GILL, grain dealer, Richwood, was born in Richwood, Ohio, December 22, 1848, and is a son of Joshua Gill. His father came to Richwood in 1840, and became an extensive landholder, owning what was known as the "Cramer farm," all of which is now in the corporation of Richwood. From 1842 to 1861, he was engaged in the manufacture of wooden bowls, an enterprise in which he was very successful. In 1845, he married Eliza A. C. Haynes, who was born in 1825, and who now resides with her son, Charles F. Mr. Gill was an honored and respected citizen, and for a number of years held the office of Justice of the Peace. He died in the spring of 1880, at an advanced age. His parents were Selmon and Margaret (Dorrett) Gill, both of English descent. Our subject's maternal grandfather, James B. W. Haynes, a Colonel in the war of 1812, was born in Virginia, March 9, 1793, and was of Welsh and French descent. He married Susan Floyd, who was born in Virginia May 10, 1801;

she was a relative of the late Confederate Gen. Floyd. Col. Haynes was a lawyer by profession; he came to Richwood in 1840, and remained here until his death in 1869. During most of the time of his residence here, he was a Justice of the Peace. Our subject received his education in his native village, and worked at farming until 1873, when he began the business of buying grain on commission, which he continued until 1879, when he commenced the business for himself. He was married, in 1877, to Anne Francis, a native of England, whose parents resided at Woodstock, Ontario. This union has been blessed with two children, Walter L. and Clarence D. Mrs. Gill is a member of tho Church of England. Mr. Gill is a Republican in politics, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and a member of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 303, F. & A. M. In 1882, he captured a thief who had broken into a neighbor's house. The thief was a large and powerful man, but Mr. Gill refused to release him until he was safely locked up, and marched him along to prison. We narrate this to illustrate a marked trait in the man's character—bravery.

JOSHUA S. GILL, Jr., of the firm of Gill & Bro., Richwood, Ohio, was born in Richwood September 11, 1850, and is a son of Joshua S. Gill, Sr. He received his education in the graded schools of Richwood, and, being a natural mechanic, he chose the occupation of a machinist, and served a three years' apprenticeship at his trade at Mansfield. After mastering his trade, he traveled as a journeyman for some time, and spent three years in the manufacture of wooden bowls in Indiana. He has also been employed at gunsmithing. In 1875, he engaged with his brother in opening a machine shop at Richwood, where he is still engaged. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 303, F. & A. M. On December 27, 1871, he married Maggie McMullen, a native of New Hampshire, by whom he has one child—Floyd A., born September 9, 1876. Mrs. Gill is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Richwood.

THOMAS J. GILL, of the firm of Gill & Brother, blacksmiths, Richwood, was born in Richwood, Ohio, June 22, 1853, and received his education in the Richwood graded schools. He learned the trade of blacksmithing, and is now considered a thorough master of his trade in all its branches. He is an active member of the above firm, and lends his aid in making it one of the most successful and enterprising firms of the village. He is a Republican in politics, and a prominent member of the Prudential Order of America. On December 18, 1879, he married Christiana Cheney, a native of Union County, of English descent, and a daughter of Thomas Cheney. This union has been blessed with one child—Abbie Alva, born March 23, 1881. Mrs. Gill is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN GRAHAM. According to the family records kept by his parents, John Graham son of Samuel and Sarah Graham, was born in White-eyes Township, Coshocton County, Ohio, October 13, A. D. 1822. He was the first of a family of twelve children. His parents were intelligent, honest, industrious people, and taught their children to be useful, virtuous, self-reliant and industrious. John commenced work on the farm, under the direction of his father, at a very early age, and continued in this employment until he was about twenty years old. When he was in his fourteenth year, his father sold his farm in Coshocton County, and in September, 1836, moved his family to Union County, Ohio, settling them on a new farm one mile northwest from the village of Richwood, in Claibourne Township. There the family home has continued till the present time—December, 1882. There was nothing peculiar in the boyhood of John to distinguish him from other boys of his own age. He was healthy, of a vigorous growth, loved fun and enjoyed life well. He, with the other youths of the neighborhood, had the privilege of attending school in the district schoolhouse, for some two or three months a year. The balance of their time was needed in work to keep the farm prospering. In the autumn of 1838, an event occurred in the history of young Graham which changed the whole current of his life and affected the whole of his after career. His mother had a blind sister—Maria Butterfield—who was visiting in the home of his father, and wished to attend the Methodist prayer-meeting, which was to be held Sunday at 4 o'clock, in the home of Philip Plummer, in Richwood. He went with this aunt as company to that prayer-meeting, because she could not see to go alone. There were some seven church members present in the meeting—no minister was present. The people who were present were plain, honest, devout. They sang with the spirit and with the understanding. They prayed with fervor and in faith. The result was, God's blessing came down upon them, and His Spirit pervaded the assembly. Some of them praised God aloud, and all felt the influence of the Divine presence. The immediate effect upon the subject of this sketch was that he was seized with an agitating trembling, which, for the time, he could not control. He went from that meeting thoughtful, serious, convicted for sin. He commenced soon after to pray, daily, for the pardoning mercy of God. He kept this up till, on the 11th of November, 1838, he attended a Methodist quarterly meeting in Summersville, and after the evening sermon of that day he, with others, knelt for prayers, at what was called the mourner's "bench." There, while he prayed and the church prayed for him, God, for Christ's sake, gave him a sense of relief from the guilt of sin. Such peace, holy joy and restful trust in God through Christ as he then experienced was a new delight to him. Five weeks after his conversion, on the 17th day of December, 1838, in the old log church in Richwood, he offered his name as a candidate for membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was received by the pastor, Rev. R. S. Kimber. He took this step after very careful consideration, and now, after forty-four years of experience, under the relations thus entered into, he fully approves the choice then made. This conversion, which was very clear and left no doubt in his mind of the Divine reality of experimental religion, awakened a new class of desires, hopes and aspirations in him. He soon found himself thirsting for knowledge as he had never done before. He had no books, and his father's library was very small, and the neighborhood had in it a very meager supply of books, but what there were the owners were willing to lend, and he was desirous to borrow and read. But one question with him was how to find time and opportunity for reading. His days were necessarily to be spent in labor on the farm, and the nights could not be used for this purpose without lights. There were no such lamps and supply of coal oil then as are now available. Candles were scarce and made a poor light. In this emergency he adopted this expedient: When his day's work was done, he would go to the woods, find a hickory tree with a good supply of shell-barks on it, gather an armful, carry them to the house and when supper was over he would get his book, stick a shell-bark in the fire and read by the light thus furnished. In this way many of his first books were read. While he was thus seeking knowledge, his father, who was willing to help him what he could, gave him a wagon-load of wheat. This he hauled to Sandusky City, eighty miles distant, the nearest market then accessible, sold it for money, and with that money bought himself a small supply of books. These he read with great interest. About this time—1839-40—he began to feel a strong sense of duty resting upon him to prepare himself for the work of the Christian ministry. He was fully convinced that God called him to this work. He therefore devoted all his thoughts and energies to getting ready for so great a work. His school privileges were very unsatisfactory. He felt it to be necessary, therefore, to make the greater personal and private efforts to acquire the necessary knowledge. How well he succeeded the church and the world have since had opportunity to judge.

In the spring of 1840, the proper authorities gave him license to exhort in the Methodist Episcopal Church. This authority was regularly continued until June 24, 1843, when, after proper examination by the constituted authorities of the church, he was formally licensed to preach the Gospel. This was done in Richwood, by the Quarterly Conference of Richwood Circuit, under the presiding eldership of Rev. W. S. Morrow. He used this license one year as a local preacher, and then, on June 15, 1844, he was recommended by the same Quarterly Conference as a suitable person to be received by the Annual Conference into the itinerant ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In August of the same year, his recommendation was presented to the North Ohio Conference at its session in Canal Dover, and he was received according to the rules of the church, and appointed as junior preacher on Port Jefferson Circuit, with Rev. C. B. Brandeberry as his senior, and Rev. S. P. Shaw as his Presiding Elder. He spent one year in this work, he trusts with some profit to the people, and much satisfaction to himself. At the next conference, which met in Marion, Ohio, August, 1845, he was appointed in charge of Van Wert Circuit. This work was composed of eight appointments, to be filled once in two weeks. This people had for their places in which to meet for worship four private houses in which families lived, one small court house in Van Wert, two log schoolhouses and one small frame building, which was erected in Delphos for a board kiln. At this time the country was new, the houses all log cabins but a very few, the roads not improved, the people just beginning to clear up their farms, and, of course, the fare was coarse, but the welcome was hearty and cordial. And when the time for week day preaching came round, the people could leave their work—even the harvest field—to go to meeting, and their young minister never spent a happier year in his life than the one on this (then) wilderness circuit. After his year closed at Van Wert, he was appointed in charge of Kalida Mission, in Putnam County, with Jacob S. Albright for his colleague in labors. This field was very much like the last one described, only there was one partly finished church in it, and the roads were worse, the rides longer, and the fare no better. The people, however, were kind, cordial, hospitable and loved the means of grace. There was considerable interest manifested in this work; a number of persons were converted and added to the church. He and his co-laborer worked harmoniously together, and ever afterward were friends. From Kalida, our young minister went next to Stillwater Mission, which included Fort Recovery and the region round about. This was a hard field of labor; the country thinly settled, roads bad, rides long, exposure great, health not good and pay very small. Still there was some enjoyment, and some success. Rev. R. D. Oldfield was his colleague in this work. During this year, 1848, he became acquainted with Miss Jane G. McKee, of Hillgrove, Darke Co., Ohio, who afterward, on August 25, A. D. 1850, became his wife. Their marriage contract was solemnized by Rev. Joseph Wykes, in the church in Hillgrove, in the presence of the congregation, on Sunday afternoon of the above date. This union proved to be a happy one; and now, after thirty-two years of married life, they both approve the choice they made. From Stillwater Mission, Mr. Graham was appointed, in August, 1848, to Lima Circuit, with Rev. S. Fant, as his senior in office. This was a pleasant year in his life, and his labors, with those of his colleague, were very successful. Almost two hundred were converted to God, and united with the church. But I find, if I undertake to give the most condensed sketch of this ministerial life of thirty-nine years, and more, it will be extended to too great a length for the present purpose. I will therefore close this account by giving a summary of work: He spent one year as a local preacher; fifteen years on circuits; twenty years on stations and half-stations;

and four years, from 1860 to 1864, on Findlay District, as Presiding Elder. In all of which places he enjoyed the blessings of God. And now, when gray hairs are upon him, and more than sixty years of his life are past, he feels not a single regret that he entered the work of the Christian ministry when he did, and that he has continued in it till the present.

I. H. GRAHAM, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Union County, Ohio, April 26, 1842; he is son of J. P. and Eliza (Healey) Graham, natives of Washington County, Penn., who were among the early settlers of Claibourne Township. Our subject was raised on his father's farm and received a good English education. He learned the trade of a tanner, which he followed for seven years, during early life, but since that time he has devoted his time exclusively to farming. He owns a good farm of 106 acres, on which stands a nice brick residence and other improvements, all of which he has accumulated by his own industry. He is a cultivated gentleman of pleasing manners and a good farmer. In 1862, he married Emma Lowe, a native of Virginia, of English descent, by whom he has three children, viz.: Isaac E., Eliza B. and Emery E. The parents are members of the Disciples Church, in which Mr. Graham is a Deacon. During the war, he was a volunteer to assist in repelling Morgan in his raid through Ohio.

REV. WILLIAM HAMILTON, deceased. The subject of this sketch was so interwoven with the history and development of the northeast part of Union County, that a history of the county would not be complete without a somewhat extended notice of his career. It is ascertained, without question, that he descended from a family of Hamiltons in Scotland, who for centuries have been prominent in giving shape to the politics, religion and literature of that far-famed part of Christian civilization. At what particular time his ancesters moved to America is not known. When they did, they settled in the State of Maryland, near the city of Baltimore, in Baltimore County. The name is still familiar in that State. Its present Governor is a Hamilton; whether he is of the same family has not been ascertained.

William Hamilton, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born near Baltimore about the year 1760, and married Susanna Brown, who was connected with an old pioneer family of the State of Maryland.

In the year 1789, the two last named moved from the State of Maryland to Virginia, and settled near Morgantown, Monongalia County (now West Virginia), and in moving passed through a part of Pennsylvania, and while on this journey, and passing through Pennsylvania, the subject of this notice was born May 1, 1789. In the year 1806, in company with his parents, he moved to Ohio and settled in Hopewell Township, Muskingum County, and took an active part in clearing a farm in what was then a wilderness country. He remained with his parents until the year 1810, when he married Hannah Ewing, who lived near Zanesville, and moved to land in Licking County, where he cleared a farm that proves to be the spot where the village of Gratiot has been built.

During the war of 1812, he was drafted, but having a wife whose health was feeble, he hired a substitute and raised the money to pay him by selling oats at 6¼ cents per bushel. About the year 1815, he moved into Muskingum Township, Muskingum County, on lands uncleared, but by his own hands he soon surrounded himself with a well-improved farm. It was here his first wife died, October 2, 1819, leaving four children. She had been a faithful companion, a good Christian and died in peace, and is buried near the village of Irville in the same county.

March 9, 1820, he married Lydia Springer, who belonged to a family that moved from the State of Delaware to near Zanesville, in Muskingum County, in the year 1806.

His residence on this farm continued until the year 1836, when it was sold and in the fall of that year he moved to a farm six miles east of Newark, in Licking County. While residing here, he purchased of Cadwalader Wallace, of Chillicothe, an unbroken tract of land in the northeast part of Union County, situated near the village of Richwood, in Claibourne Township. The purchase was to be a thousand acres more or less, and when it was surveyed there proved to be fifteen hundred and ten. In the spring of 1838, he moved with his family to this land. It seemed like a formidable undertaking to subdue as heavy a forest as covered it, but a man that had so often and long contended with the forests of Ohio could not be discouraged. His family had increased until he had ten sons, strong and well, not all grown it is true; but he could furnish in his own family what was equal to five hands. With these and some hired assistance from the first, he cleared ground sufficient, as the seasons rolled round, to produce enough to support his large family, and have something to spare for the support of others.

In a few years, he raised sufficient corn to supply destitute families for miles around. So numerous were the applications for it, that his excellent wife used to say that it made her think of the time of Joseph disbursing corn in Egypt. A circumstance occurred about this time that caused some anxiety in the family. John W., now of Columbus, was sent to Millville on the Scioto with the last grist of wheat before harvest. Some 25 bushels were placed in a wagon drawn by a span of two large oxen. John had arrived at the mill in the evening and spent the night at the mill, fastening the oxen to a tree. During the night, his grist was ground, so that on the coming morning he started homeward. He had fed the oxen, but had not watered them. All went well until he arrived a few hundred yards above the breast of the dam, when the oxen saw the water, and in spite of all efforts of the driver to prevent it, plunged down a steep bank into the river, and the force in running down the bank pushed the oxen into deep water, where the wagon came uncoupled and they swam out with the fore wheels, leaving John and his grist in the river. It was an unpleasant position for a boy, and one that, without help, he could not extricate himself. Charles Arthur, as noble a man as lives, was in hailing distance, who soon mustered a force of men that relieved John from his trouble and started him homeward. He arrived in due time, and reported his misfortune. It was supposed that all was ruined, and a feeling of gloom rested upon the family, as much as was embraced in that grist could not be obtained nearer than Delaware County, and money was scarce, and so many to be fed. It was a great relief when an examination showed that the flour was safe; not more than one pound to the sack was spoiled.

The great desire of Mr. Hamilton was to have his family settled around him, and he now had enough land to give them all a portion, and have as much for himself as he cared to have, but such plans are like to be overthrown, and so they were in this case as the history will show.

The country being new, there was no hotel near, hence his house was the home of friends and strangers who came into the country, for years. He entertained all who came, without compensation. He was a surveyor, and would take his compass and chain and spend day after day with men, helping them determine the boundaries of their lands, and many times without compensation.

Few men have ever shown less selfishness than he did. He was a pioneer in the true sense of the word. The whole of the former part of his life had been that of a pioneer, and he brought the same spirit to Union County.

About the year 1815, he had been authorized to preach the Gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and labored extensively as a local preacher in Muskingum and Licking Counties. In the year 1828, he became an uncompromising advocate of reform in the government of that church, and when expulsions occurred in Baltimore, Lynchburg, Cincinnati, and at other points simply for advocating lay delegation in the Annual and General Conferences of the church, his sympathies were with the reformers, and when the expelled petitioned in vain for re-admission into the church, only asking the right of free discussion, and were forced to organize a new church, he united with them, and came into the Methodist Protestant Church with its organization. This change made him a pioneer in the new organization and with firm resolution and determined spirit he entered upon the work of planting the new church in the counties of Muskingum, Licking, Knox and Coshocton. He preached almost every Sabbath, sometimes traveling long distances to meet his appointments. In the year 1830, for a part of one year he traveled a circuit reaching into Licking and Knox Counties, with Rev. W. B. Evans, and the savor of his Christian influence still remains with the few now living who still have a recollection of him. When he moved to Union County, there was a wide opening for his services. He, besides preaching at times in Richwood, where his family attended divine service, was often called to preach on the Scioto, Rush Creek, Fulton Creek, Boax Creek and sometimes into Logan and Clark Counties.

His commanding form, his distinct and warm utterances, and his genial, social spirit, made him welcome wherever he went as a preacher. His services were often in demand to preach at funerals and perform marriage ceremonies. He traveled at one time on horseback, from near Zanesville to Cincinnati, to attend one of the first conferences of his denomination. And a number of times served as delegate to the Ohio Annual Conference.

He traveled thousands of miles and preached thousands of sermons, and performed all his ministerial duties except marrying without a cent's compensation. And during all this time gave to the support of other ministers. In the erection of a plain hewed-log church in Richwood, he took a prominent part. When stoves were needed, it was an impossibility to raise money with which to purchase them. He and his neighbor, Samuel Graham, each took a load of wheat to Granville, in Licking County, and exchanged the wheat for stoves.

When it was determined to build a new church, he was foremost in his contributions for that purpose. The improvement and development of the country greatly improved his circumstances. For years, in order to raise money for tax and other absolute necessities, he journeyed to Lake Erie to find a market; this would require a week's steady travel. In the course of time, with three hundred acres of improved land, he found at his door one of the best markets in Central Ohio for all his products. With these advantages, he was prepared for the enjoyment of life, so far as worldly advantages were concerned, but advanced years brought with it affliction that caused at times a great deal of suffering.

His affliction of mind was augmented by death entering the family and removing Benjamin, Susan and Thomas. June 12, 1864, his wife died, after faithfully sharing the trials of life with him for forty-four years. After the death of his wife, he lived with Horatio and George at and near the old homestead, occasionally making visits to other members of his family in Illinois and in different parts of Ohio. He loved company and was usually cheerful and happy. When alone, he would think of the dear friends that had died, and long to be with them.

He closed his earthly career calmly and peacefully, August 8, 1867, in his own home, surrounded with the families of Horatio, George and Newton.

Thus closed the career of a man of more than ordinary intellectual powers and force of character. His father had been a man of deep piety and strong mind. His oldest brother, Benjamin

Hamilton, was a Lieutenant under Capt. Brady, the great Indian scout, when he explored the Muskingum Valley. The husband of his oldest sister, Rev. Robert Manly, is spoken of by Rev. James Quinn, in the Western Christian Advocate for 1835, as the first Methodist preacher that ever preached the Gospel in what is now the State of Ohio. A younger brother, Rev. Samuel Hamilton, was a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of marked ability. These facts indicate an origin and surrounding that furnish an idea of the elements that entered into his character. William Hamilton, in the prime of his manhood, showed powers that under more favorable circumstances for their development would have placed him by the side of the strongest men of the country.

He was a man of decided convictions in politics, and as an old Whig had been elected, in the year 1830, Commissioner of Muskingum County. In the year 1846, he was elected as a Republican Commissioner of Union County. He served as magistrate a number of years, and filled all public trusts committed to his care with fidelity.

As a preacher, he declared with coldness his convictions. At one time he was called upon to preach the funeral of a lewd woman that had died. He asked to be excused, stating that a sense of duty would prompt him to be very plain, if he did; the relatives said they would receive what he said without offense, and insisted that he should preach. He did so, using as a text Rev., ii, 21: "I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not;" the truth was plainly presented, but a tenderness of feeling and sympathy always attended his utterances, so that he seldom gave offense. He was a man that often labored in communities, where there was but little respect for religion or its teachers, but his boldness and suavity of manners would soon command the respect of the most uncultivated hearer. In dealing with his fellow-men, he was honest to the cent, and never did any man more fully despise deception and dishonesty than he. When he detected men in dishonest acts, he had the courage to confront them, and tell them plainly of it. He said to a man in his employ, and living on his land, "You know that I know you stole my corn, and that you stole your neighbor's ax."

This he would do in a plain, emphatic manner, and his appearance would disarm the man of resentment. He was possessed of excellent conversational powers; many homes were made cheerful by his rich store of anecdotes, and when friends visited him, he would entertain them in a style not easily forgotten. When Salmon P. Chase was a candidate for Governer of Ohio, on his way from Marysville to Marion, he spent a night at Mr. Hamilton's, and so well was he entertained with his hospitality and conversation, that ever after, when he would meet any of the family, he would make diligent inquiry as to the health of his friend, and then speak of the pleasure he experienced in his company.

His example impressed men. In cases where he needed help from neighbors, he never supplied spirits as an inducement. Others maintained the same position,[and the example was followed throughout the entire community, so that for years no encouragement was given to the sale of liquors in Richwood, and it was not to be procured for miles around.

A communion service was to be had in Richwood, and the writer, when a boy, was sent to Millville, in Delaware County, to procure wine for the occasion, because it could not be obtained nearer.

His example on this question had great influence with his family. He had ten sons; all lived to mature years; not one of them ever used liquor as a beverage, but all became strong advocates of temperance, and not more than three of them ever used tobacco.

We might add page after page in placing before the reader traits of character and interesting incidents in the life of this pioneer citizen and preacher, but space will not allow. It has now been over fifteen years since he passed away from earth. A new generation has largely come upon the stage with a tendency to forget the men and women who cleared away the forests and prepared the way for the homes they now occupy. It is true his resting place in the Richwood Cemetery, near the Bethlehem Church, in Claibourne Township, is marked by a humble marble slab, but as a token of regard for one deserving to be had in everlasting remembrance for a worthy Christian life and for the many heroic deeds that life presents, this tribute to his memory is offered.

William Hamilton was the father of twelve children, two daughters and ten sons; the oldest and youngest were daughters.

Elizabeth, daughter of William and Hannah Hamilton, was born in Licking County March 5, 1812, and with her parents moved to Muskingum County when a child. She married Jacob C. Sidle in 1834, and about the year 1850 moved to Union County, and, with her husband, settled in Claibourne Township, where they became extensively known, and had many friends. She is the mother of seven children, one remarkable feature is that she had three sets of twins. Jacob Sidle died June 10, 1876.

After the lapse of some time, she married Gideon Wickham, of Newark, Ohio, and is now living in that city, at the age of seventy years. Two of her children are dead, and five living.

Samuel, oldest son of William and Hannah Hamilton, was born in Licking County April 5, 1814. He was reared in Muskingum County, at farming as a pursuit, married Nancy McMorris, of same county, moved to Union County in the year 1840, and settled on a part of the purchase made by his father, and remained until the year 1854, when he moved to the State of Illinois, and is now living in Marshall County, that State. He has been married the second time, having by his first wife seven children, four sons, and three daughters; one son is dead, one a farmer, and two lawyers; John M., is at this writing Lieutenant Governor of Illinois. His second wife, formerly Harriet Gray *nee* Rodman, died May 16, 1882, and was buried near Zanesville. He is now in his sixty-ninth year.

William McKendre, second son of William and Hannah Hamilton, was born in Muskingum County October 13, 1816. At an early period, he went to Zanesville, to learn the tailoring trade, where he spent six years and became an accomplished workman in his line. He continued this business for a number of years, but at length he became interested in trade.

For some years he did business for Daniel Brush as a partner. This partnership finally closed, having given perfect satisfaction to Mr. Brush, and been the means of greatly increasing the property of both. He is living in Wenona, Marshall Co., Ill., in good circumstances, and is actively engaged in the business of life. His latest enterprise is that of sinking a shaft for coal, at a heavy expense. He is plain and unassuming in manner, but understands the laws of trade, and has been remarkably successful. He married Rebecca Burns, of his adopted State, and has a family that is greatly respected. He gave at one time $10,000 toward the endowment of a college at Adrian, Mich. He is well preserved and has a fair prospect of living many years to enjoy life and bless his fellow-man. He is now in his sixty-seventh year.

Benjamin Manley, third son of William and Hannah Hamilton, was born January 2, 1819, in Muskingum County. His mother died October 2, following, leaving him an infant of less than ten months; helpless it is true, but he was tenderly cared for and grew to manhood, and was the oldest of the ten sons of William Hamilton that moved into Union County, and shared in opening the farm so widely known as the Hamilton farm.

About the year 1812, he married Abigail Graham, daughter of John Graham, Sr., for many years a resident of Union County. Soon after his marriage, he moved to land received from his father, and had himself to reclaim the wilderness and made it a fruitful field. He continued this work until February 7, 1859, when he was suddenly killed by the running away of a team of horses. He left a family of five children; the oldest, William, is now living in Van Wert County, Ohio, and has authority to preach in the United Brethren Church. Benjamin, was a conscientious Christian man, and died at the age of forty years. This was the first death among the children of William Hamilton.

Cornelius Springer. (See biography in this book.)

John Waterman, second son of William and Lydia Hamilton, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, June 7, 1823, and was fifteen years old when his father moved into Union County. He shared in the labors and trials endured by the family consequent upon making a home in the wilderness. His habits were studious, and though denied the privilege of any other school advantages, except one term in Granville College, than such as were afforded in three or four months school in winter, he had advanced far enough to teach school at the age of sixteen. This he did successfully in the village of Richwood, in the winter of 1838–39. He afterward taught a select school in Marysville, in the basement of the old Presbyterian Church, and taught at different points in Muskingum County. The object was to supply himself with means for the prosecution of studies in the medical profession. He commenced the study of this profession, under Dr. Bealmear, in the village of Irville, Muskingum County, and continued it under the instructions of Dr. Knight, of the same county. He taught school and studied medicine until his means were sufficient to enable him to attend lectures. This he did at Willoughby Medical College, near Cleveland, where he graduated, in the year 1847. In the year 1848, he married Rachel Werden, who resided near Cleveland, and commenced the practice of medicine on the Scioto, a few miles above Columbus. He continued here a few years, and moved to Akron, where he remained but for a short time, and went to New York City to obtain hospital advantages. After remaining there for some months, he returned to Columbus in the year 1853, and now for thirty-three years he has devoted himself entirely to his profession. For twenty-five or more years he has filled a professor's chair and most of the time the chair of surgery. This position he now occupies, and is the acknowledged authority on surgery in all Central Ohio. He has performed some of the most critical operations ever performed in the State, and is justly placed by the profession in the front rank. In early life, he was tall and slender in form, but has increased in flesh until he now weighs 300 pounds. With his own means, he erected what is known as Columbus Medical College, near his spacious dwelling in the city of Columbus, and so lucrative has been his profession, and is at the present time, that he has ample means of enjoying ease and comfort; but such are the demands for his services that he could not lay aside his work if he should desire to do so. He has two sons, one a graduate of Gambier College, and the other a student at Princeton, that he is training for same profession. He is now in his sixtieth year.

Joseph Harrison, third son of William and Lydia Hamilton, was born in Muskingum County July 23, 1826, and moved to Union County at the age of twelve years. Though not full grown, he could render material help in the work of clearing up the farm. He could drive the oxen, burn the brush, plow and hoe the corn, bring the cows from the forest pasture, and was the first to carry the mail from Richwood to Marysville and return. In the winter of 1841, he and a number of associates made a profession of religion, and united with the Methodist Protestant

Church. In the spring of 1843, his church gave him authority to speak to the people on the subject of religion. He spent the week in labor on the farm, and on Sabbath he visited points at schoolhouses and in the cabins of the settlers to hold religious services. His educational advantages were limited to the winter school, except a three months' select school conducted by his brother John in Marysville. February 17, 1844, his church authorized him to preach the Gospel, and in August, of the same year, he united with the Muskingum Annual Conference, with the view of making the ministry his life work. He has now spent almost thirty-nine years in the ministry, during which time he has performed an unusual amount of labor, preaching a considerable part of the time three times on the Sabbath, and often during the week time, but in the thirty-nine years has only been off duty four Sabbaths in consequence of sickness. He has preached in Muskingum and Licking County five years, Coshocton four, Lancaster two, Circleville two, Steubenville five, New Comerstown one, McConnelsville two, served as President of his conference one year, and has preached in Mt. Vernon and Knox County for nearly seventeen years. During his residence in Knox County, he has attended over 400 funerals, and married over 400 couples. Hundreds have been added to the church through his instrumentality. He often delivers addresses on different subjects that find a place in print. On the 31st day of August, 1848, he married Charlotta M. Rodman, near Zanesville. They have three children, one son and two daughters, all live in Mt. Vernon. The son is a printer, and for three years was publisher of the Mt. Vernon *Republican*, while the father was editor and proprietor. He is now in his fifty-seventh year, and performs the labor ordinarily performed by two men.

Isaac N. Hamilton. (See biography in this book.)

HORATIO COX HAMILTON was born near Irville, Muskingum Co., Ohio, September 24, 1830, and was named after Judge Horatio Cox, who was then a merchant of Irville, but who now lives in Columbus, Ohio. He came with the rest of his father's family to Union County, and landed in Richwood on the evening of the 3d day of April, 1838. The family lived that summer in town, while the father and older boys were employed in building a house and arranging for the future. Horatio, with his two brothers—Norton, who was older, and George, who was younger—were sent to school to Matildy Manson, who taught in the old log schoolhouse on the lot now occupied by C. W. Huffman as a residence; they were also required to carry dinner to those who were at work clearing the farm, etc., so that each forenoon, after intermission, they went home and got a good-sized market-basket full, and made the trip from town to the point where the men were at work, which is the same as where the house of G. B. Hamilton now stands, and after delivering their load of provisions they would return to the school for the afternoon. When one thinks that it was then an unbroken forest with only a path, and that the average age of the three was only seven and a halt years, it savors of real romance. Horatio remained with his father, and worked, as all farmer boys did in those days, for nine or ten months of the year, going to school from forty to sixty days each winter, until the winter of 1848–49, when he taught school in the Lenox District. The following winter he taught in Richwood, and had to assume the relationship of teacher to the same children and scholars with whom he formerly went to school and with whom he had played and frolicked. Some idea of the labor performed may be had when it is remembered that the school averaged fifty-six for the term, and for the last two months perhaps seventy or more, and that every one brought whatever book or books they could find about the house or borrow of a neighbor, so that it was impossible to classify the school. In the fall of 1851, and after he was of age, Horatio concluded that he would add somewhat to his educational advantages, and for this purpose he went to Delaware and matriculated and entered upon a college life; but it was of short duration and amounted to two terms of six or eight days each, so that he is what he himself calls a two-term graduate.

In the spring of 1853, he left his father and went to Cleveland, and employed himself to H. G. O. Carey, to travel and sell his medicines, the main article of which was Borrell's Indian Liniment. The first six months were spent in canvassing Eastern and Southern Ohio. In the fall of the same year, he was sent to West Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota. For four years he continued to travel from place to place, loading at Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison, Galena, Rock Island, Peoria, La Fayette and Indianapolis. This gave him a very extensive knowledge of the West, and enabled him to direct others to such places as they could get good land at Congress price. The result is that very many families are now in the West, and have homes to which they were directed by him. He also took advantage of his knowledge of the West, and invested the first thousand dollars he ever earned in land in Black Hawk County, Iowa, getting for $1,000, 859 acres of as good land as a bird ever flew over, and from which he realized a comfortable fortune. It may be well to go back and say that in the summer of 1853, while at his uncle's, Irenias Springer's, he chanced to meet a little school-girl who was destined to be a partner in his successes and failures. Her name was Edmonia Dawson, a daughter of Dr. Nelson Dawson (deceased), of Putnam, Ohio. Horatio C. Hamilton and Edmonia Dawson were married in Davenport, Iowa, June 3, 1856. In the spring of 1857 they settled on their land in Black Hawk County, Iowa, and during the summer built a house and broke 120 acres of land. In the fall of the same year the panic struck Iowa, and its wild-cat money went down and became worthless, and with it came ruin to almost everybody and everything in Iowa. Corn, wheat, oats and potatoes fell in price from $1.25 to a mere nominal price. This, with other things, caused them to leave Iowa and return to Ohio. In the fall of 1861, they came to live with his father—Monia to take care of the house and Horatio the farm. When the second call for volunteers was made in 1862, he was appointed by Gov. Tod to recruit the quota of Union County, under said call. His commission was dated July 21, 1862, and on the 6th day of August he had one full company and quite a number who were assigned to other companies, principally to Capt. Lawrence's company, of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. On the 7th of August, he was elected Captain of the company that was organized, and as such was assigned to the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was sent to Kentucky and assigned to the command of Brig. Gen. S. G. Burbridge, and the brigade was attached to Maj. Gen. A. J. Smith's division of the Thirteenth Army Corps. The regiment reached Kentucky on the 1st day of September, 1862. It will be remembered that at this time there was a sentiment among the new recruits that slaves and slave property were being wrongfully protected by the army, and that it was no part of a soldier's duty to protect rebel property, and catch and return slaves to their masters. It began to be noticed that negroes were turned out of our lines with an ever-increasing degree of reluctance; also that Capt. Hamilton was the friend of the oppressed, and that he did not always obey an order to do so inhuman a thing as to turn a fellow-man over to his rebel master, even in obedience to a positive command of a senior officer. Finally a boy, some fourteen years of age, came into the camp of the Ninety-sixth Ohio, at Nicholasville, Ky., calling himself William Clay, and reporting that his master was a rebel, and that he had thrown an ax at him (Billy), and that he wanted protection. He found a friend in Capt. Hamilton, and remained with him, as a servant, for some time, until the army was ordered to move to Louisville. On the way, and as it passed through Versailles, a person dressed in the uniform of a Union soldier came, representing himself as being on Maj. Gen. A. J. Smith's staff, and that as such he ordered Capt. Hamilton to deliver the boy Billy to him to be turned over to the jailer as an escaped slave. This he refused to do unless the order came in writing from Gen. Smith in the ordinary way, being countersigned by Gen. Burbridge and Col. I. W. Vance of the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This the fellow refused to get, but notified him that be would be back in fifteen minutes with a detachment of soldiers, and that he would take the boy by force. Upon this the Captain turned to his company and told them that if it was going to be a question of force, that they might load their guns and prepare for the affray. That order the company made haste to execute, and as they did so one company after another did the same, until, as far as one could see, the road seemed to glisten with the light of the sun as it was reflected by several thousand ramrods which were being used to send home the ball that was intended to perforate the hide of any man who would attempt to take Billy by force. The effect of this preparation was that the staff officer gave up his notion of taking the boy by force at that time, but notified the Captain that the affair would be deferred till evening, at which time the boy would be taken by force and the Captain put under arrest for disobedience of orders. This kept the matter brewing in the minds of the soldiers. As soon as the army was encamped for the night, the soldiers held an impromptu meeting, at which speeches were made and resolutions passed approving the course of Capt. Hamilton, and resolving that they would stand by him to the death. A committee was appointed to inform him of their purpose, and he was soon waited on by a soldier who made known their action to him, and requested that if any move should be made to take the boy by force, that immediate notice should be given to the officers and soldiers whose names were found on a card which was handed to the Captain. This uprising of the soldiers, occasioned by the refusal of Capt. Hamilton to give up the boy Billy, had the effect to stop all effort in the Army of Kentucky to arrest or return slaves to their masters.

On reaching Louisville, the army was ordered to go to Memphis and Vicksburg. The boy could not be taken, and the only thing that could be done was either to let him loose in Kentucky, to be seized upon and returned to slavery, or to send him home to Ohio. The latter the Captain chose to do, but had to force his way across the river for fear of arrest; but he finally reached New Albany, Ind., and bought a railroad ticket to Marysville for the boy, paying for it all the money he had and going $1.25 in debt. When the boy reached Richwood, it set everything in commotion. Some approved of the course pursued by the Captain, others condemned. The party in opposition called a meeting, and resolved that the "nigger" should not be permitted to stay, and that they would return him to his master, etc. They also resolved that Capt. Hamilton should not be permitted to return to Richwood. The matter got into all the papers of the State, and of other States as well. Letters came to the Captain from every quarter, some approving and some disapproving his course. One man, who was given to understanding the force of what he said, wrote him that it was supposed that an effort would be made to take the boy by force and send him back to Kentucky, but he said that the Captain need not be alarmed, for that many thousands of men were armed and ready for any move that might be made to return the boy.

Billy Clay and H. C. Hamilton both live in Richwood at this time, and this story would not have been told if it had not been for the fact of its having had so important a part in the war in overthrowing the slave power, and in developing liberal and Christian sentiment at home. During the winter of 1862–63, while with Sherman's army, Capt. Hamilton contracted a nervous disease, the external evidence of which appeared as a cutaneous disease called lepra. from the effect of which he became spotted as a leopard. In August following, he resigned his office of Captain and came home, since which time he has been a resident of Union County. He was prospered in business, and bought and paid for the Hamilton homestead, and was supposed to be a man of wealth until the panic of 1873, when, by bad management and security debts, he became involved, and sold his property at a low figure and paid his debts. His wife, Edmonia, was taken from him by death on January 29, 1877. On March 4, 1879, he was married to Miss Molly Kendall, and they now live together in the village of Richwood. In the mean time, he partially regained his health as well as property, and bids fair for long life and future usefulness. In religious matters, he is somewhat peculiar, and cares nothing for the religion that one feels but goes his last dollar on the religion that one does.

GEORGE B. HAMILTON, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, February 12, 1833, and is a son Rev. William and Lydia (Springer) Hamilton, the former of English and Scotch, the latter of Swiss descent. His parents came to Union County, April 8, 1838, and settled on the farm and built the house where their son, George, now resides. Mr. Hamilton was educated in a log schoolhouse in Claibourne Township, where he applied himself with such diligence as enabled him in after years to teach. Being one of those persons who are ever in the process of education, whether in the school-room, on the farm, or in business, he has obtained such a practical education as enables him to be of great public usefulness wherever placed. Indeed, few men, with even better advantages, have equal ability with him to make an intelligent, off-hand address, on any subject or occasion, that may interest the better class of people in the community. In consequence of this, he has been variously intrusted with public offices and interests in the township and county in which he lives. But having little or no desire for public life or honors, he has, by preference, devoted himself to farming, as his life's work. In this he has had such success as gives him a handsome home farm of 386 acres, besides other lands and village property. On November 19, 1857, he married Marian Hamilton, a native of Scotland, where her ancestry connected her with John Knox and the Reformation—a daughter of Rev. William and Marian Hamilton, Sr., her father being of identically the same name as her husband's father, but without kinship between them; and to make the seeming identity more striking, both fathers were ministers in the same State—Ohio, of the same denomination—Methodist Protestant Church, and still further, both had sons named John and William. The married life of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton has been, at all times, most happy, and resulted in three children, two daughters, Clara A. and Marian G., and one son, George H., the oldest of whom, Clara, is now attending the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. Mrs. Hamilton was blessed with a brilliant mind, a retentive memory, and a keen perception of the beautiful in literature and morals, and with such intellectual equipment, she was ever able to make home attractive and happy, and to impart to her children a rich heritage of this character. Nor did she lavish her gifts on home alone, but was an ornament to the society in which she moved, and was a useful and active member of the Methodist Protestant Church, to which she belonged from the age of fourteen years till her death, October 18, 1882, a period of about thirty-three years. Mr. Hamilton is also a member of the same church, having joined it in his boyhood. Besides being a most active and zealous member of the local church at Richwood, he is one of the most prominent laymen of his denomination in Ohio, having been repeatedly a delegate to the Ohio Annual Conference, and twice a lay representative to the General Conference. In addition to giving hearty support to the local and general interests of his church, Mr. Hamilton has a quiet mode of benevolence, the details of which are scarcely known to any but himself and his God. With an eye upon superficials alone, your informant feels that he risks nothing as to fact, when he intimates that many are the poor who have been his beneficiaries, in various ways adapted to their relief, including not a few who could tell of their mortgages, which were about to be foreclosed, with certain loss of their hard earnings, and which have quietly found their way into his hands, to await a slow redemption, as circumstances might necessitate, sometimes keeping him out of his returns for years, and although many hundred dollars have been freely given to relieve the needs of others, prosperity follows, and peace and plenty are found in his happy home.

Thomas Bealmear, seventh son of William and Lydia Hamilton, born June 22, 1836. The middle name was for the old family doctor, but when grown he chose to be called Thomas Benton, and so wrote his name when he wrote it in full. He was not two years old when he came to Union County, and could not take part in the early struggles of making a home in the wilderness. At an early period he showed that he possessed an active mind. The times had changed for the better, and the father concluded to give him an education. He was sent to Delaware University, and after —— years of college life, he graduated with honor in the summer of 1857. He taught school for some time in Ohio and in Illinois, and then concluded to study medicine, and entered upon the work with his brother John in Columbus, and graduated at Starling Medical College in the year 1862. He then went to the State of Illinois, and settled in Wenona, Marshall County, and commenced the practice of medicine. All this had been accomplished before he was twenty-five years old. About this time he married Celia A. Oder, of his adopted State. His business was spreading rapidly, when he felt it to be his duty, in 1862, to enlist as a volunteer in the United States service. He entered the One Hundred and Fourth Illinois Regiment, Col. Moore commanding, and was made Assistant Surgeon. He was faithful as man could be to the trust committed to him. He followed the fate of his regiment in most of the battles on the Tennessee, Nashville, Chattanooga, and on the way to Atlanta, and was never off duty unless compelled to by sickness. Capt. A. E. Lee, formerly of Delaware, said of him: That he had often seen him when the battle would be raging, heedless of danger, caring for the wounded and dying. One man said to the writer: "He saved my life," and evinced toward him the love of David for Jonathan. He had attacks of hemorrhage, and his friends plead with him to come home. "No," said he, "not until my time is out." He hoped to live, and when discharged would return to a fond companion, and spend many days of connubial bliss. But not so. While in hospital at Nashville he had an attack of hemorrhage, and died suddenly on March 17, 1865, and was brought to Union County and buried in the Richwood Cemetery, by the side of his kindred, in his twenty-ninth year. Few men of his age ever had a more cheering prospect for doing good to mankind than he. He was kind and cheerful, and with a mind stored with knowledge, and with the experience he had as a surgeon in the army, had he lived, he certainly would have been prominent in his profession. He was a beautiful singer, and took great pleasure in giving encouragement to the art. He was a Christian. Had made a profession of religion when quite a youth, and though gone from earth, has entered the society of the redeemed, where he can sing forever "Unto Him that hath loved us, and given Himself for us, to Him be glory."

"Go to the grave, at noon from labor cease,
Rest on thy sheaves, thy harvest work is done;
Come, from the heat of battle, and in peace,
Soldier home, with thee the work is done."

Rebecca Susan, only daughter and youngest child of William and Lydia Hamilton, was born in the village of Richwood, Union County, June 19, 1838. It was in early spring the family first moved to the county, and was compelled to stop in Richwood until a house could be completed on the land that was to be occupied as a future home. It was while living here that she was born. The name is given in respect to both grandmothers. She signed her name R. Susan. As the youngest sister she became a great object of regard in the family. All felt anxious that she should acquire a good education. She entered Delaware College with her brother Thomas, at the age of seventeen; was a most excellent student, and graduated with honor in the year 1859. She at once showed a desire to take hold of life's duties in a way that would make her self-supporting and at the same time be useful. She chose teaching as a profession and Illinois as the field of operation. With her brother Thomas, she taught the school at Wenona, Marshall County, Ill., and was giving great satisfaction, when she had an attack of lung fever, and was compelled to desist and return to Ohio, where, in spite of all attention that could be given her, she died, at the home of her parents, June 13, 1861. Sad was the day of her burial to her father and mother, brothers, and a large circle of friends. She had made a profession of religion in Marysville in the Prebyterian Church, and united with that church at the age of thirteen years. When in Delaware she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. At home she was Methodist Protestant. She was a singer of commanding influence. She loved to sing and loved it until the last. A few days preceding her death she wished the family to join her in singing a hymn, saying she wished to hear the voice of her mother once more in singing, which request was granted. Her own voice was quite naturul. She grew weaker, and as her last words she said to her mother, "I am so happy." Thus closed the scene with this fair and lovely youth, just at a time when large hopes of future usefulness were centered upon her. The heart feels sad in dwelling upon such an event, but we must submit to the direction of the Great Father of all.

"Happy soul, thy days are ended,
All thy mourning days below;
Go, by angel hands attended,
To thy loving Savior, go."

Thus closes the brief history of a family covering a century and a quarter and embracing five generations, its influence being felt in all the professions and extending into different portions of the country. When Abraham Lincoln was candidate for President, every member of the family of which any knowledge is had, that had a right to vote, cast that vote for him. Seldom is there found an instance of dissipation in the family in all its history. With a love for virtue and religion, and a sincere desire to adhere to what is right, time alone will tell what heights of honor and usefulness awaits them.

JOHN S. HAMILTON, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Marysville, Ohio, March 29, 1854, and is a son of Cornelius and Louise (Bisant) Hamilton, natives of Ohio. His father was a prominent lawyer of Marysville, a member of the Constitutional Convention that framed the present constitution of our State, and afterward a member of the Ohio Legislature. He also represented this district in the Fortieth Congress of the United States. He raised a family of six children, three boys and three girls. Our subject, who was the fourth child, received his education at Richwood, and has made farming the occupation of his life. He owns a nice farm near Richwood, on which he resides. He was married, in 1876, to Ellen E. Sidle, who was born in Claibourne Township February 11, 1856; she is a daughter of John Sidle. By this union two children were born, viz., Vinnie B. and Ollie. Mrs. Hamilton is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Hamilton is a Republican in politics.

ELIJAH HARRIS, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Licking County, Ohio, October 13, 1836, and is the son of Thomas and Rachel (Herrod) Harris, the former a native of Ohio, and a farmer by occupation. Our subject was raised and educated as a farmer, and has made farming the principal occupation of his life, though at one time he followed the trade of a carpenter ten years. In 1870, he came to Union County and settled on the Marysville pike, one mile south of Richwood, where he owns a farm of 133⅓ acres of prime land. He is a Republican in politics. He was married in 1869 to Columbia Sarah Huddleston, whose parents were natives of the Old Dominion, of English descent. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have two children, Isabella and Thomas.

JACOB HARTMAN, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Preston, Va., March 3, 1832, and is a son of Michael and Sarah (Miller) Hartman, natives of Maryland, of German descent. His father was a farmer, but for twenty-five years of his life was engaged as a wagoner. Our subject received a common school education in Virginia, and has spent his life in the pursuits of a farmer. In 1856, he married Hannah Rice, a daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Pool) Rice, who were married on the Potomac River in 1812; she was born in Greene County, Penn., in 1836. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hartman started together in their battle with fortune, having nothing to begin life with. With the aid of his wife, who has been to him a good and worthy helpmeet, he has acquired nearly eighty-five acres of land in this township, on which they reside. They have had four children, viz., Walter T. R., Alvin, Clara Belle, deceased, and an infant, deceased. Mr. Hartman came to Union County and built a log cabin, which has since been replaced by a neat and comfortable residence. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, in which he has been a class leader and steward since1875. He is a Democrat in politics, and is now Clerk of the School Board.

WILLIAM CARROLL HASTINGS, of the firm of Hastings & Williams, dealer in buggies, carriages, spring-wagons, seed-drills, etc., Richwood, Ohio, was born at Richwood, Ohio, August 29, 1844, and is a son of Levin Hastings, and Mary Carroll, his wife, of whom a sketch is given elsewhere in this work. Our subject was educated in the common schools and is a harness-maker by trade. He has spent ten years in stock dealing at Richwood, and engaged in importing Norman horses to Union County; he is a man that learns from observation, has spent some time in the West, and has seen a good deal of the world. In 1864, he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served his full term of enlistment. He then came to Richwood, where he has since remained. He is a Republican in politics, and since 1881 has served as Treasurer of his township. In 1869, he married Miss Cynthia Lenox, daughter of John Lenox, a prominent farmer and stock dealer of Union County; this union has been blessed with two children, Mary and Anna.

JOSEPH R. HATCHER, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Logan County, Ohio, August 8, 1818, and is a son of James and Sarah (Ray) Hatcher, natives of Virginia, of English descent, and members of the Society of Friends. His father was a farmer and surveyor, and did a great deal of surveying in the early days of this country. He came to Ohio soon after the war of 1812. Our subject was raised and educated as a farmer, and in early life taught school for a time, but farming has been the principal occupation of his life. He came to Union County in 1853, and settled in Claibourne Township, where he now owns 163 acres of land. In 1842, he married Angeline, a daughter of Isaac and Sarah Headley, of English descent. They have had eight children, to wit: J. D. (a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died in the service), Sarah J., Margaret E., Emily F., Nancy, Charles B., C. L. and Belle. Mrs. Hatcher is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Hatcher is a Universalist in belief and a Republican in politics.

WILLIAM M. HAYDEN, dealer in sewing machines, Richwood, was born in Morrow County, Ohio, September 9, 1837. He is the son of John and Rachel (Evans) Hayden, the former born in Pennsylvania in 1812, of German descent, and the latter a native of Wales. They were married in Pennsylvania, and, emigrating to Ohio in 1830, located in Morrow County, where the father still resides, the mother having died in 1857. Our subject is the second child of a family of four children; he was raised on the farm, and received a good education in the public high school and at Mount Hestmer College—a college of the Society of Friends. At the age of seventeen years, he began teaching district school, which he followed four years. In 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Sixty-fifth Ohio Infantry, as a Corporal, and, in 1863, re-enlisted in Company B, Tenth Ohio Cavalry. He was the Regimental Commissary Sergeant; was promoted to Second Lieutenant of his company in 1863, and in December of the same year was commissioned First Lieutenant, in which capacity he served until the close of the war. He was with Sherman in his march to the sea, in Kilpatrick's raid, in Libby Prison for a short time, and was finally discharged in August, 1865. In 1866, he embarked in the mercantile trade at Alliance, Ohio, but two years later sold his business and purchased a farm, which he operated successfully for two years. He then disposed of his farm, and engaged in selling the domestic sewing machines. He orders machines by the car load, and has sold at retail over 1,600 machines. He understands his business in all its branches, is a ready salesman, and a practical sewing machine man. In 1867, he married Ellen K. Hall, a native of Ohio, of Scotch descent, who died in 1876, at Elmira, N. Y., leaving one child, Ordella, now in the Richwood graded schools. Mrs. Hayden was a member of the Baptist Church.

EZRA HEDGES, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, October 17, 1826, and is a son of Caleb and Mary (Clellen) Hedges, natives of Maryland, of English and Dutch descent. His father was a cooper and farmer, and very successful in business. He raised a family of ten children, to each of whom he gave 100 acres of land. Our subject was raised and educated as a farmer, and has followed that occupation through life. In 1855, he came to Claibourne Township, and located on the farm now occupied by him, which consists of 176 acres. In 1854, he married Sarah A. Goss, by whom he has three children, viz.: Hulda, wife of William Decker; Clara A., now engaged in teaching, and Samantha, the wife of William Lawrence. Mrs. Hedges died March 2, 1861, and, in 1863, he married Nancy Young, a native of Delaware County, by whom he had one child—Grant, who died December 10, 1882. Mr. Hedges is a Republican, and a member of the I. O. O. F. society.

L. D. HERR, proprietor of the Richwood Temperance Billiard Parlors, Richwood, Ohio, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, May 9, 1857, and is a son of Henry and Sarah E. (Elgin) Herr. His father was a school teacher in early life, and later acted as traveling salesman for an extensive nursery company. Our subject graduated at the high school in West Salem, where his parents resided, in 1874, and chose the occupation of an engineer. He operated a stationary engine at Richwood for four years, and then entered the employ of Camp, Randall & Co., in their warehouse at Richwood, remaining with them eight years. He now conducts a billiard room on strictly moral principles, allowing no swearing, gambling, drinking, or other bad order, and giving the youth of the village opportunity for indulging in a very pleasant pastime without being brought under the pernicious influence of liquor drinking. The room is a bright, airy apartment, comfortably furnished, and with a full complement of five tables, and is presided over by the proprietor in person. He is a young man of strictly moral principles, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a worker in the Sabbath School. In 1881, he married Flora Belle Farris, a native of Delaware County, by whom he has one child—Elme Leon. Mr. Herr is a Republican in politics.

M. W. HILL, Richwood, was born in Knox County, Ohio, December 24, 1843, and is a son of Nathaniel Birt and Mary (Roberts) Hill, natives of New Jersey. His father died in 1852, and his mother died one month later, leaving our subject alone in the world, at the age of nine years. During the next four years, he lived at several different places, and when thirteen years of age he began learning the printer's trade, which he only followed for a short time. He then commenced working on a farm at $6 per month, which was afterward raised to $9, and continued working as a hand four years. In 1861, he met with an accident, by having his hand badly injured in a clover huller, that almost resulted in the loss of his right arm. During the years of 1862 and 1863, he went to school, and having obtained a certificate, began teaching. One year later he went to Iowa and engaged in farming and trading, and in 1864 returned to Union County. In 1867, he came to Richwood, and since then has been variously engaged in business. He is in very comfortable circumstances, owns 460 acres of land, eighty of it in the corporation, several houses and lots in the village, a butcher shop and grocery, a half-interest in a furniture store, and a half-interest in a store at Green Bend, Ohio. He and his partner, Mr. Lenox, are the most extensive dealers in and shippers of stock in this part of the country. They are importers of French horses and have made two trips across the water for that purpose. Mr. Hill is a Democrat in politics and is now serving his second term as Justice of the Peace. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 443, and, as is his wife, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1865, he married Margaret A. Fisher, daughter of Benjamin Fisher, and by her has four children, viz.: Lizzie Belle, Wilbert C., Viola J. and Morris W.

G. W. HOLLAND, T. F. A. of the N. Y., P. & O. R. R., Richwood, was born in Richland County, Ohio, June 15, 1844, and is a son of Richard and Eliza (Flynn) Holland, natives of Philadelphia, Penn., the former of English and the latter of Irish descent. Our subject received an academic education in his native State, and early chose the occupation of a telegraph operator. In 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged in 1863 on account of disability. On his return to civil life, he obtained a situation as clerk in the post office at Mansfield, and one year later returned to Richwood and resumed his old occupation of operator. He was subsequently appointed as ticket agent and has worked in the office at Richwood for sixteen years. In 1882, he was appointed traveling freight agent for the western division of his road, and is now serving in that capacity. He is a Republican in politics, and was a member of the electoral commission for the election of President Garfield. He has served as a Councilman and member of the Board of Education of Richwood. In 1867, he married Mary E. Searles, a native of Connecticut, and a daughter of W. H. Searles, of Marion, Ohio. They have had one child that died in infancy.

O. HOLMES, retired farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, May 29, 1827, and is a son of Isaac and Ellen (Blackburn) Holmes. His father, who was a native of New Jersey, was a blacksmith by trade, and died in 1862, at Columbus, Ohio, where he had resided for fifteen years. He had a family of ten children, nine of whom reached their majority. Our subject was educated in the common schools of Highland County, Ohio, and followed the occupation of a farmer until he was twenty-one years of age, after which he filled the position of clerk in a general store for twelve years, giving that up to resume farming operations. In 1865, he came to Union County, and in 1873 he sold his farm of 100 acres and purchased a handsome property in Richwood, to which he has retired and which he is now engaged in beautifying. He was married, July 29, 1852, to Miss Mary A. Johnson, a daughter of William Johnson, a native of Pennsylvania, and Caroline Burtner, his wife, a native of Kentucky. Mrs. Holmes was born in Champaign County, Ohio, in 1828; her ancestors emigrated to America with the "Pilgrim Fathers," in the Mayflower. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes' marriage has been blessed with six children, three boys and three girls, of whom two now survive, viz., Anna Belle and Charles T. The parents are members of the Methodist Protestant Church at Richwood.

J. M. HORN, of the firm of J. M. Horn & Bro., manufacturers of brick and tile, Richwood, Ohio, was born September 8, 1852, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio; he is a son of Noah and Rebecca (Tucker) Horn, the former a native of Maryland, and the latter of Virginia, both of English descent. His father was an enterprising and intelligent farmer, who went to California, but lost his life while *en route* for home. Our subject chose the profession of an artist and for some time was engaged in that occupation, traveling around the country in a gallery car. He subsequently embarked in the dry goods business, and in 1882 began his present enterprise, purchasing five acres of land for that purpose. He has ample facilities for the manufacture and storage of his ware, and finds a ready market for more than he can supply on demand. On February 17, 1880, he married Lucinda Spratt, a native of Union County, and a daughter of Andrew Spratt. They have one child—Ivan. Mr. Horn is a Republican, a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity and of the Prudential Order of America.

JESSE D. HOSLER, furniture dealer, Richwood, was born in Fountain County, Ind., January 18, 1846; he is a son of Benjamin Hosler, a cabinet-maker, and Lydia Shively, his wife, both natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. Our subject received a good English education in the graded schools of his native State, and, after leaving school, learned the trade of a blacksmith, serving a four years' apprenticeship at Covington, Ind. He then worked at Monticello, Ind., as a journeyman for four years, and in 1875 came to Richwood, where he built the brick shop in which his brother now carries on business. He worked in this shop seven years, and then entered the furniture business in the firm of M. W. Hill & Co., but discontinued this in December, 1882. In 1863, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Sixteenth Indiana Infantry, for three months, and re-enlisted in Company G, of the Fifty-first Regiment. He was once a prisoner, being taken at night by a band of guerrillas, but succeeded in making his escape after two hours' imprisonment. In 1874, he married Miss Mary Sabin, a native of Troy, Ohio, and a daughter of Dr. Roswell Sabin. By this union two children were born, viz.: Lucy C. and Charles S. Mrs. Hosler died February 3, 1883. Mr. Hosler is a Republican, and a member of the Richwood Methodist Church, of which his wife was also a consistent member when living.

JOHN E. HOWE, of the firm of Loveless, Howe & Bishop, proprietors of the Richwood Woolen Mills, and dealers in wool, grain, hides, furs and staves, Richwood, Ohio, was born in Logan County, Ohio, September 26, 1845; he is a son of Julius and Ellen (Richardson) Howe, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Ohio. His parents came to this State in 1830, and located on a farm in Logan County, where the subject of this sketch was reared. He remained on the farm until twelve years of age, when he began working at his present business for J. S. Loveless, with whom he worked four years, to learn the trade, receiving $30 and three months schooling per year. He proved himself such a worthy apprentice that his employer took him as a partner, and with him carried on the business until recently, when the firm assumed its present proportions and style. Mr. Howe was married, in 1869, to Elizabeth Gum, a native of Logan County, Ohio, of English descent, and by her has had one child—George R. Mrs. Howe is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Howe is a Republican in politics. He is a successful business man, and owns a half-interest in 265 acres of land in Washington Township, which he has accumulated by his own efforts.

EDWIN S. HUBBARD, Postmaster, Richwood, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., April 30, 1841, and is a son of Alexander and Mandane (Van Dusen) Hubbard, natives of Connecticut. His father was a lawyer by profession, and at one time occupied the office of High Sheriff of his county, in Connecticut. Our subject received a common school education, and early learned the trade of making cutlery, which he followed three years. He then learned carriage painting and followed it twelve years, six of which were spent in Richwood. He afterward became Assistant Postmaster, and in 1876 was appointed Postmaster being re-appointed in 1881 by President Garfield. On October 3, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company D, Tenth Connecticut Infantry, and in 1863 was promoted to First Lieutenant for gallant conduct, and transferred to the Nineteenth Connecticut Heavy Artillery, with which he served until 1864, being again promoted to

First Lieutenant. He was later detailed as Aid-de-Camp to Gen. R. S. McKinzie, with the rank o Assistant Adjutant General. He served in Burnside's expedition, at the battle of Roanoke Island Newburg, Port Royal, Goldsboro, Whitehall, Spottsylvania and three last days of the Wilderness Cold Harbor, Shenandoah Valley twice, Winchester, first and second assaults on Fort Sumter, in Sheridan's raid and many other important and hard-fought engagements. While in action at Cold Harbor, he had the visor of his cap torn off by a piece of rebel shell, but never suffered any injury of a serious nature. He was married in 1867 to Mary L. Hoover, daughter of Daniel and Ellen Hoover, and by her has had two children—Effie and Vellie Mandane. Mrs. Hubbard and her eldest daughter are members of the Presbyterian Church, while Mr. Hubbard is a member of the Methodist Church.

C. W. HUFFMAN, dealer in pumps, and well-driver, Richwood, was born in Knox County, Ohio, August 18, 1840, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stilley) Huffman, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of German and the latter of English descent. He was raised on the farm until fourteen years of age, when his father died, and his mother moved to Columbus, where he attended the graded schools. He then worked for a lightning-rod company. In 1861, he enlisted in the Twenty-third Ohio Infantry, as color-bearer of Company G, and with his command served in eighteen well-fought battles. He was taken prisoner by the enemy, and suffered all the horrors of Andersonville Prison for six months, from the effects of which he will never recover. He was discharged in 1865, after four years and three months' gallant service. In 1865, he married Lavina Moore, a native of Pennsylvania, by whom he has two children—Charles Henry and Matilda K. Mr. and Mrs. Huffman are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, in which Mr. Huffman has been a Steward, Treasurer and Trustee. He is a Republican, and a member of the Lodge and Encampment of Odd Fellows. He engaged in his present business at Richwood in 1868.

NELSON HURD, minister and farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born at Middlebury, Vt., September 5, 1816; he is a son of John and Abigail (Lindsley) Hurd, natives of Vermont, of English descent. His grandfather Hurd was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill. Our subject has been a resident of Ohio since one year of age, his parents having moved from Vermont in 1817. The whole journey was made in a wagon, the father going afoot, driving the cattle, and the mother driving the wagon, in which the children were placed. They settled in what is now known as Thompson Township, Delaware County, where our subject spent his youth. He was brought up on a farm, receiving a common school education, and followed the duties of the farm until he was thirty years of age. He has been a member of the Christian Church since sixteen years of age, and has been a minister of that denomination since he was thirty, for several years of that time devoting his time exclusively to the ministry. He has usually owned a farm, which he conducted in connection with his ministerial work, and now owns twenty-two acres, on which he resides, while he officiates as pastor of the Glendale Church, which he organized. He was married in 1839 to Miss Sylvia Decker, by whom he has three children—Zerah, a farmer in Nebraska; Sarah, wife of I. Taylor; and John, also a farmer in Nebraska. Mr. Hurd is a Republican in politics.

J. C. IRWIN, tailor, Richwood. The paternal great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch emigrated to the northwest territory prior to the erection of Ohio as a State, and here raised a family of children. Jacob Sidle, the maternal grandfather, came to Union County over half a century ago, and located in Claibourne Township. Dr. Aaron J. Irwin, the father of our subject, was of German extraction, and was brought up as a farmer. In early life, he evinced a desire to study medicine, and accordingly entered the office of Dr. Heaston, with whom he acquired his preparatory education. He afterward took three courses of lectures at Columbus, Cincinnati and Nashville, Tenn., and began the practice of his profession at Richwood. In 1863, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but was transferred to the Twenty-second Tennessee Mounted Infantry. He was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the regiment, and was subsequently promoted to Surgeon, but soon afterward was taken sick, and died at Paducah in 1864. In 1856, he married Martha, daughter of Jacob Sidle, and by her had one child—our subject. Mrs. Irwin died in 1866. The subject of this sketch was born at Richwood, Ohio, December 11, 1858, and received his education in the schools of his native village. He early learned the trade of a tailor, and for four years has been engaged in that business with W. H. Richard in Richwood. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and a member of Mt. Carmel Lodge, No. 303, F. & A. M. On February 5, 1883, he married Miss Anna Walters, a daughter of John and Anna Walters, of this county.

A. J. JOHNSON, barber, Richwood, was born in Miami County, Ohio, December 4, 1846, and is a son of Aben C. and Anna Johnson, natives of Virginia, who emigrated to Miami County about 1836, and were among the early settlers in that county. Our subject was raised on a farm, but not liking the occupation he began an apprenticeship at the barber's trade, when eighteen years of age, under Frank Brown, at West Milton, Ohio. At the expiration of one year, he began working as a journeyman barber, and in this capacity continued until 1870, when he opened a shop at North Lewisburg. In 1872, he came to Richwood, where he has since been in business. He has a shop containing three chairs, nicely equipped, on Main street, and is at all times assisted by thoroughly competent workmen. In 1873, he married Almeda F. Clark, at

Dayton, by whom he has two children—Wilbert A. and Edker W. He is Senior Steward of White Sulphur Lodge, F. & A. M., a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a Republican in politics. In 1864, he enlisted in Company D, Fifth United States Colored Troops, and was discharged at the close of the war. He owns a nice dwelling in Richwood, and is doing a thriving business.

LEWIS JOLLIFF, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Pennsylvania February 12, 1812: his parents were William and Catherine (Yager) Jolliff, natives of Ohio, the former of English and the latter of German descent. They emigrated to Ohio in an ox cart in 1817, and settled in Wayne County, afterward moving to Stark County, where both died. They had fifteen children, twelve of whom grew up, married and raised families. Our subject, who was the fifth child, grew up on the farm, inured to the hardships of all kinds and accustomed to hard and incessant labor. He had no educational advantages whatever, and knows but little about the English language, though perfectly familiar with German. He has spent his life in agricultural pursuits and has arisen step by step from a poor farm boy and renter to a well-to-do freeholder. He came to this county in 1836, purchased land and set to work clearing it for cultivation; he now owns 180 acres of good land, in the best order and well improved, in addition to his town property. In 1834, he married Catharine Swartz, by whom he had five children, viz.: Washington, who enlisted in the army in 1861, was wounded, returned home and died; Eli, deceased; John, whose sketch appears in this work; Isaac, and Barbara, deceased. Mrs. Jolliff was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church; she died in 1855, and on December 10, 1856, Mr. Jolliff married Hannah Pennypacker, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Scofield) Pennypacker, the latter still surviving, aged eighty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Jolliff are members the Methodist Protestant Church at Richwood. Though Mr. Jolliff has survived the allotted time of man, he has full possession of all his faculties and is remarkably hale for one of his years. He tells many interesting anecdotes of early Ohio, and of life in a new country; of adventures with wild animals and escapes from other dangers; and of being lost in the woods when hunting his cows. Many pages of reminiscences could be called from the memory of this old pioneer, had we space for their production.

JOHN JOLLIFF, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, August 7, 1844, and was a son of Lewis and Catherine (Swartz) Jolliff, natives of Ohio. of Dutch descent. He was reared on a farm, receiving a common school education, and early adopted the occupation of a farmer, which he has since followed successfully, now owning a good and well-improved farm. In 1862, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a non-commissioned officer; was with his command in twenty-six hard-fought battles, and was wounded at the battle of Peach Tree Creek, Ky. He was discharged in 1865 at the close of the war. In 1865, he married Mary Sidle, a daughter of J. C. Sidle, and by her has had seven children, viz.: Sarah E., Isaac G., John D., William T. S., Martha A., Eva C. and Charles E. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has been steward. He is a Republican in politics.

DR. E. Y. KING, physician, Richwood, Ohio, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, August 30, 1836, and is a son of John and Mary Ann (McClain) King, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of German and the latter of Scotch descent. His father was a dry goods merchant, and in 1830 emigrated from Pennsylvania, with his family, to Holmes County, Ohio. The subject of this sketch received a good common school education in the high school of Fayette County, Penn., and in 1859 entered the medical department of the State University at Ann Arbor, Mich.; but not being satisfied with the knowledge obtained in his course at that institution, he entered the Medical College at Bellevue, New York, in 1864, and graduated from it in the same year. After leaving college, he enlisted in the Twenty-third Ohio Infantry and served as Assistant Surgeon until the close of the war. In 1866, he located at Richwood, then a village of about fifty houses, and immediately began the practice of his profession, which he has since carried on with flattering success. He entered upon the practice here under very adverse circumstances, when the roads in the surrounding country were so poor as to require him to go on foot to see his patients, but by his indefatigable energy he has overcome all obstacles and now stands at the head of his profession in the village. He is the oldest practitioner in Richwood, and has a large and lucrative practice, which he is still actively engaged in attending. He was married in 1862 to Elizabeth Rogers, a native of Knox County, Ohio, and a daughter of James Rogers. This union has been blessed with one child—Charles E., now a clerk in a hardware store in Delaware, Ohio. Mrs. King is a member of the Presbyterian Church. The Doctor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; he takes an active interest in educational matters, and has served as a member of the Board of Education at Richwood, and has had some town office during most of the time of his residence here.

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JOHN MASKILL, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Clark County, Ohio, December 5, 1822; he is a son of Robert and Isabella (Middleton) Maskill, natives of Yorkshire, England. They came to America in 1818, and settled in Springfield, Ohio, where they resided until 1832, when they came to Union County. They raised a family of seven children. Our subject was raised on a farm and has devoted his whole life to farming, now being the owner of 175 acres of land in Leesburg Township. He was married in 1850 to Adeline Wells, a daughter of James Wells, who came to Union County in 1834. By this marriage, nine children were born, all girls, of whom six now survive, viz.: Elizabeth, wife of William Styres; Isabella, wife of George W. Jolliff; Harriett, wife of S. B. Taylor; Charlotte, wife of E. Freeman; Ella, wife of W. Kinney; and Mattie, wife of James Jolliff. Mr. and Mrs. Maskill are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is Secretary of the Sunday school. He cast his first vote for Taylor, but is now a Republican. He has a nice property in Richwood, where he now resides, in addition to his farm in Leesburg Township.

FRANCIS M. McADAMS, gardener, Richwood, Ohio. John McAdams, Sr., and Catherine Stewart were married in Pennsylvannia, of which State they were natives, about the year 1797; coming to Ohio in 1804 or 1805, they settled in Champaign County, near the present site of

Kingston, where they lived to the end of their days, he dying June 16, 1839, in his eighty-fifth year, she dying March 26, 1839, in her eighty-second year. Their offspring were Isaac, born 1798, died 1869; Samuel, born 1800, died 1832 (was killed by a fall from a horse); Elenor (Dillon), born 1803, died 1865; Nancy (Spain), born 1806; John, born 1808, died 1866; Archibald, born 1812, died 1845; William, born 1814. Both the paternal and maternal ancestry were of Scottish descent, but about all that is known of the family tree is what is above stated. The elder McAdams was a large, muscular man, fitted for the pioneer days in which he lived. He was fond of the sports of the chase, and usually kept about him the fleetest dogs and horses in the country. He served his township as Justice of the Peace for a series of years, and was prominent in the public affairs of his county. He served in the war of 1812 in the capacity of a scout. He was a great story-teller, and had a foot nearly double the ordinary size. John McAdams, Jr., and Rachel Graham were married by Peter Igou January 21, 1829. The Grahams were of Irish descent. To them were born Ellen, Eliza J., Samuel, Melona, Francis M., Mary A., Harriet and Ruth. These all grew to mature years and married. Francis Marion, the subject of this sketch, is the youngest son, and sixth child of the family. He was born near the head-waters of Treakle's Creek, in Union Township, Champaign County, Ohio, October 13, 1838. He spent the years of his minority on the farm where he was born, and assisted materially in bringing up the family, giving some attention to school during the winter season, thereby obtaining more than an ordinary common school education, and in later years became an efficient teacher. July 17, 1861, he married Susannah M., the second daughter and fourth child of Warren and Susannah Freeman, of Goshen Township, Champaign County. The Freemans were from Ontario County, N. Y. Mrs. McAdams was born July 17, 1843. To this marriage have been born nine children, all of whom are still living, to wit: Charles Francis, born September 5, 1862; Janet Gertrude, born June 12, 1866; Laura Eliza, born April 5, 1868; Eva Marie, born May 6, 1869; Carrie Amelia, born April 15, 1871; Lydia Catherine, born May 9, 1873; Susie May, born February 16, 1875; Howard Deuel, born August 8, 1880; Ralph Thomas, born September 25, 1882. August 15, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served as a private some months, when he was promoted to a non-commissioned officer, and at his muster out was Second Sergeant of his company. His regiment campaigned in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas, sharing the well-fought fields of Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Kenesaw, Bentonville and other lesser engagements. After the close of the war, our subject was selected by his regimental comrades to write the history of the command, a duty for which experience as a writer and the possession of a vast amount of the necessary data, made him particularly qualified. His writings found in the histories of Champaign, Clark and Fayette Counties, to which he contributed largely, attest his ability as a writer. From 1865 to 1870, he sold general merchandise in the village of Mutual; then he became a resident of Mingo, and resumed the same business, continuing for several years. After residing at Mingo nearly twelve years, during which time he was twice elected Justice of the Peace, besides serving the public in other capacities, he purchased property in the north suburbs of Richwood, and November 10, 1881, came to that village, having in view the business of gardening. Mr. McAdams takes an active interest in public affairs, speaks his sentiments openly, scans public men and public measures carefully, and votes the Republican ticket continually. He and his wife and the adult members of the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

NELSON McALLISTER (deceased) was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, December 4, 1827, and was a son of John and Mary (Grayton) McAllister, who were among the pioneers of Union County. Our subject grew up on the farm, with no educational privileges, except three months' attendance at a school which was taught in his father's corn-crib. He was a farmer, and followed that occupation until the rebellion, when he enlisted in Company E, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died in 1865. He was a brave and faithful soldier, a kind and indulgent father and an affectionate husband. He was married January 16, 1850, to Lany A., daughter of James H. Langstaff, whose sketch appears in this work. They had four children, viz.: Olintha E., born January 29, 1851; Luther E., born May 21, 1854; Cassius R., born March 24, 1856; Ida V., born October 18, 1861. Mr. McAllister was a Republican in politics. He owned 125 acres of land which his family has improved and increased to 350 acres. At the death of her husband Mrs. McAllister assumed the management of the farm affairs and under her everything has prospered.

R. T. McMILLIN, retired farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, June 4, 1818; he is a son of Robert and Nancy A. (Mitchell) McMillin, natives of Pennsylvania, of Irish descent. The former was a commissioned officer in the war of 1812. Our subject is a farmer by occupation, as was his father and grandfather, and he has been successful in all of his farm operations. He opened and improved his present place of residence and on it has raised a family of children, who are all well-to-do citizens of the county. He is a liberal, high-minded gentleman, and speaks his opinions openly and freely, without regard to the feelings of others. He was married in 1839 to Margaret A. Moore, a native of Belmont County, Ohio, born in 1820, and a daughter of Samuel Moore, a prominent farmer of that county. By this union eight children have been born, viz.: Rachel A., wife of J. B. Thompson; Robert G., who was born in Harrison County, Ohio, October 4, 1847, and, having received a limited education, has devoted his life to the farm; he was married in 1874 to Mary Ellen Coffman, who was born in this State October 1, 1849; she is a daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Thompson) Coffman, of English descent. By this marriage two children were born—David B. and Matilda. The third child, Andrew, was born in Harrison County in 1850, and in 1880 married Amanda Hedge, a daughter of Absalom Hedge; she was born in Union County in 1856. They have one child—Nettie May. He has been a life-long farmer and now owns fifty-five acres of land. The fourth child, Margaret J., is the wife of A. C. Staneard. The fifth, Mary M., is the wife of James Trimble. The sixth, John, is at home. The seventh, Martha, is the wife of J. D. Powell, and the eighth is Amos, who lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. McMillin are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is an active member and has been a Trustee. He is a Democrat in politics and a firm friend of education, having been a School Director twenty years. He has recently retired from the active labor of the farm and in his latter days is enjoying the rest he so well merits.

P. R. MILLS, Superintendent Public Schools, Richwood, was born at Reynoldsburg, Franklin County, Ohio, August 23, 1850; he is a son of Nelson T. and Eleanor (Rhoads) Mills, the former native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. His father was a saddler by trade, and came to Ohio in 1830. His mother died when he was but six months of age. He was educated principally at the Reynoldsburg Union Academy, from which he graduated in 1874. During the winters of six years previous to his graduation, he taught school to obtain the means necessary for completing his education. After leaving the academy, he taught at Ætna, Licking County, Ohio, one year; Pataskala, one year, and Canal Winchester three years, resigning his position at the latter place on account of ill health. He afterward accepted the position of Superintendent of the South Grammar School at Lancaster, Ohio, which he resigned one year later to assume the duties of his present charge. Since leaving school, his entire time has been devoted to the public schools, both in self-education and management, and his vacations are spent in visiting metropolitan and other schools, to obtain ideas for the better management of his own school. His success as a Superintendent is partly due to a meeting of his teachers, which he holds each week with some definite object in view. One year ago he engaged, with marked and promising success, in conducting a teachers' normal school during the summer vacation. In the fall of 1882, he was instrumental in organizing a lecture association that has given Richwood a higher order of lectures, and has enabled the people to enjoy entertainments that would otherwise have been denied them. In 1874, he married Zoda Howard, a daughter of William and Mary J. (Reynolds) Howard, and a native of Reynoldsburg. By this union two children have been born, viz., Glennie and Bertha. Mr. Mills is a member of the Odd Fellows society, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. C. MOORE, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Hamilton County, Penn., October 11, 1806; he is the son of Christian and Ann Moore, the former a native of Maryland, of German descent, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania, of Welsh descent. Our subject was reared on his father's farm, and early adopted the occupation of a farmer. After reaching his majority, he attended school 100 days, which was the most schooling he ever had. He is now the owner of 125 acres of good land, which he has made by his own industry, having worked himself up from a penniless young man to a well-to-do freeholder. He was married, January 28, 1828, to Anna Long, a native of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent, and a daughter of Benjamin Long. After their marriage, he emigrated to Licking County, Ohio, and followed farming until 1854, when he purchased the farm on which he now resides. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have had the following children: John, born December 11, 1830, now farming in this township; Ellen, born August 10, 1832; Thomas (deceased), born August 22, 1834; James, born November 15, 1841, and now farming in Jackson Township; W. W., born August 1, 1849; and Henry, born August 21, 1853. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Mr. Moore has been a member sixty years, and for forty years has been a class leader and eight years Superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Moore is a Republican in politics. Thomas, the third son, lost his life in the service of his country.

DAVID MURPHEY, farmer, P. O. Richwood, the fourth child of nine children, born to Joseph and Rebecca (Geer) Murphey, was born April 2, 1829. His parents, who were natives of Pennsylvania, came to Union County in 1834, and settled in Claibourne Township, where his father died in 1836. His mother was born in 1800 and is still living. Our subject was raised as a farmer, but has spent most of life at the carpenter's trade. In 1858, he married Mary Ellen Cooksey, a native of Virginia, of Irish descent, and a daughter of Simpson Cooksey. By this union, six children have been born, viz.: Frances, Jennie E., Rebecca Ellen, Minnie Ophelia, Wealthy Ann and George W. The parents are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Murphey is a Democrat in politics. The family reside on fifty-six acres of land belonging to Mrs. Murphey.

LEMUEL MYERS, retired farmer, P. O. Richwood, is a son of Henry and Rebecca (Stone) Myers, natives of Virginia, the former of German and the latter of English descent. They emigrated to Ohio in 1810, and located in Licking County, where they spent their lives, both dying at the age of eighty-two years, on the farm where our subject was born and reared. They raised a family of nine children, five boys and four girls. The subject of this sketch was born in Licking County, January 1, 1816, and was raised on a farm, receiving but a meager education. From the age of fifteen years until he was forty-five, he followed farming, and in winter taught singing school. He has been a student of music all his life, and for forty years has sang in a church choir. He is a large, powerful man, of the old pioneer type, and well remembers the time when roads—even mud roads—were scarce, and log rollings of frequent occurrence. He has helped to carry logs every day, Sunday excepted, for three weeks at a time, and was never known to shun his place at the handspike. He has always been a strong temperance man, and is now an advocate of prohibition. Of a peaceable nature, he shuns quarrels and was never known to be engaged in a fight, although amply able to take care of himself, if assailed. In 1842, he was appointed Captain of a company of militia, and was afterward promoted to the rank of Major. He came to Ohio in 1842, and during his residence here has served as Infirmary Director and Trustee of Claibourne Township. He has recently given up active life and re, tired to a neat and substantial home in Richwood, which, with the adjoining farm of 110 acres he owns. He was married, July 1, 1837, to Elenora Gill, a native of Maryland, of English descent, by whom he had eleven children, seven now living. The parents are both members of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Myers was a Democrat until 1861, after which he was a Republican until he became a Prohibitionist. He had three sons in the rebellion—William S. and O. S. in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and Henry in the One Hundred and Eighty-second.

A. K. NEER, dealer in produce, Richwood, was born in Clark County, Ohio, January 31, 1859, and is a son of Joseph C. and Dorotha Ellen (Smith) Neer, natives of Clark County, of English descent. His father was a prominent farmer and an extensive stock dealer for years in Clark County, and still resides on his farm in that county, devoting his entire time to agricultural pursuits. His farm consists of 170 acres of fine land, thoroughly improved and under a high state of cultivation. Our subject received a common school education, and remained on the farm until twenty-one years of age, since which time he has been in the employ of Edward Thomas & Co., wholesale dealers in butter, eggs and poultry, whose headquarters are at Urbana. They have branch establishments at Richwood, Marysville and New Bremen, the former being under the control of our subject, who is thoroughly conversant with all branches of the business. He was married, January 28, 1883, to Mary O. Ayers, a native of Morrow County, Ohio, and a daughter of Lyman N. and Harriet (Truesdale) Ayers. Mr. Neer is a Republican in politics; he is also Superintendent of the Baptist Sabbath school.

JOHN OGAN, Village Marshal of Richwood, was born in Allen County, Ohio, May 31, 1846, and is a son of Peter and Caroline (Vertner) Ogan, the former a native of Virginia, of English descent, and the latter a native of Kentucky, of German descent. His father came to Ohio in 1830, and settled on a farm in Putnam County. Our subject received the educational advantages usually afforded to boys on a farm, and chose farming for his occupation, beginning life for himself with nothing. He has been a trader all his life, has dealt largely in farm lands, and for two years in horses, with Solomon Walker, and has been very successful in all his operations. During the rebellion, he offered himself for service seven times before he was accepted, but finally enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Ninety-eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He is now Second Lieutenant of the Gibson Guards, Ohio Militia, of Richwood. In 1880, he came to Richwood and engaged in the livery business with H. J. Perry, but has since discontinued that and is now officiating as Marshal of Richwood. He is a man of great physical ability, very determined, but cool in judgment, and an excellent officer, of whom the violators of the peace have a wholesome fear. He is a member of the Lodge and Encampment of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias, and a Republican in politics. He has made his way in the world unaided, has no debts to incumber him, and owns eighty-five acres of good land. In 1871, he married Rebecca M. Sterling, daughter of David Sterling, of York Township, and by her has one child—David E., born October 8, 1874. Mrs. Ogan is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Richwood.

JOSEPH PARISH, farmer, P. O. Richwood, is a native of New Jersey, and a son of William and Margaret (Bingham) Parish, the former a native of England, and the latter of Germany. His father, who was a school teacher and artist, came to Ohio more than half a century ago and settled near Zanesville, where he spent the remainder of his life farming. Our subject was raised on the farm, receiving a limited education, and has devoted most of his life to agricultural pursuits. He now owns a farm of 140 acres, and has given his children eighty acres. He was married October 30, 1838, to Keziah Ramey. Her parents were Virginians, of German descent, and her father was a Captain in the war of 1812. By her marriage, she has had six children, viz.: William A.; Daniel; Elizabeth, wife of James Moore; Frances Ellen, wife of D. F. Carr; Joseph; and Louise, wife of Perry Barker. The parents are members of the Methodist Church, in which he has been a steward and trustee. He is a Republican in politics. He had two sons in the Union army, and both were taken prisoners.

WALTER SCOTT PARK, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Crawford County, Ohio, March 20, 1834; he is a son of Thomas and Susannah (Marquis) Park, natives of Ohio, of Scotch-Irish descent. They came to Ohio at an early day and settled on a farm, where the father died in 1845. The mother died in 1882. Our subject was raised and educated as a farmer, and has devoted the whole of his life to that occupation. In 1860, he married Lydia Bretz, a native of Ohio, of Dutch descent. She has a farm of 100 acres, on which they reside. They have four children, viz.: Ida May, Oscar V., Deborah A. and John M. Mr. and Mrs. Park are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which they are active and zealous workers. Mr. Park taught district school for a time in his younger days, but since 1867, when he came to this county, he has been engaged in farming. He is a Democrat in politics.

D. F. PARSONS, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Richwood, was born in the State of Maine June 20, 1834; he is a son of Charles and Martha (Fernel) Parsons, natives of Maine, the former of English and the latter of Scotch descent. His father was a cabinet-maker by trade. Our subject received a common school education, and at the age of seventeen began working at cabinet-making, which he followed during his residence in his native State. After coming to Ohio, he engaged in merchandising, and resided in Knox County until 1864, when he came to Richwood, and for nine years engaged in the furniture business. He also dealt in dry goods in connection with his furniture trade. In 1879, he opened the Commercial Hotel, a neat and commodious building, three stories high, containing twenty-five rooms, a large and well furnished dining room, and good sample rooms. He is a generous and thoughtful landlord, particular about the comfort of his guests, and very popular with the traveling public. He owns valuable property in the business center of the village, and is driving a thriving trade at his hotel. In 1857, he married Mary Swetland, a native of Ohio, of Dutch descent, and a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Parsons is a member of the Masonic order, and a Republican in politics.

HUGH J. PERRY, liveryman, P. O. Richwood, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, November 25, 1833, and is a son of John and Gwynn (Hughes) Perry, both of Welsh descent, and early settlers of Delaware County, where his father was engaged in farming. Our subject was raised on the farm, and at the age of eighteen years purchased a threshing machine, which he operated during the fall and winter seasons for fifteen years. He has since made several changes in business, but has been a trader all his life, having sold several farms and dealt largely in town property. He has met with success in all of his business operations, and at one time owned 220 acres of very fine land. He deals in the French and Clydesdale horses; went to France for them in 1871, and in 1874 went to Wales, Scotland and Belgium for the same purpose. He sold one horse for $3,000, and another for $3,500. During the late rebellion he was a First Lieutenant in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry. He is a Republican in politics, and at present is serving as a Trustee of his township. He was married in 1866 to Miss Sarah J. Anderson, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, by whom he has had six children, four now living, viz.: Nellie M., Charlie, Lizzie and Allie. Mrs. Perry is a member of the Baptist Church.

JOHN A. PHILLIPS, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Richwood, Union County, Ohio, March 22, 1836. He is a son of William and Isabella Ann (Woods) Phillips, both of Scotch-Irish extraction. They emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1832, and settled in Richwood, where they remained until their deaths, he in 1880, and she in 1875. The former was a potter by trade, and in 1834 built the first pottery in Union County, which business he followed most of his life. Our subject and two sisters are the only survivors of a family of eight children. He received a common school education and learned the harness-maker's trade in Richwood, following it seven years. In 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company F, Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and was discharged in 1864, at the expiration of his term of service, as Fourth Sergeant. He served under Gen. Sherman, and at the siege of Vicksburg he and over three hundred of his comrades were taken prisoners and confined for three months in two different rebel prisons. Returning to civil life, he embarked in the drug trade in the firm of Phillips & Woods; then in the lumber business two years, dry goods trade one year, drug business with A. Z. Converse eighteen months, and finally purchased a farm south of Richwood and partly in the corporation, on which he still resides. He was married, October 13, 1869, to Mary C. Fisher, daughter of Benjamin Fisher, and by her has had two children—Lizzie L. and Alfiretta G. Both parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Phillips is a Republican in politics. His brother, A. G. Phillips, was killed at the battle of Atlanta, Ga., in 1863.

NEWTON PIERCE, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, June 7, 1837, and is a son of J. G. and Celestia (Lusk) Pierce, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of New Hampshire. He received an ordinary education in Delaware County, and chose the occupation of a farmer. In 1859, he went to Pike's Peak, and remained in the West ten years. At the breaking-out of the rebellion, he enlisted in the First Colorado Cavalry, for three years or during the war, and at the expiration of his term he re-enlisted in the State Militia. His command was principally engaged in fighting the Indians on the frontier. In 1865, he was wounded in an engagement, but not seriously. After the war closed, he was for two years in the Government employ at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., after which he returned to his native county. In 1870, he married Adelia Flemming, by whom he has four children—John, Howard, Hosea and Melvin. In 1877, they settled in Claibourne Township, where he owns 110 acres of good land. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce are members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

WILLIAM H. RICHARDS, merchant tailor, Richwood, was born in Wales August 19, 1851, and is a son of Henry and Anna Richards. He learned the trade of a tailor in his native country, and, in 1867, came to America, spending the first three months after his arrival in New York City. He then came to Jefferson County, Ohio, and, in 1874, came to Richwood, where he worked as a journeyman until 1878, when he commenced business for himself. On August 17, 1870, he married Anna Evans, a native of Wales, and a daughter of Henry Evans. To this union one child has been born, viz., Mary Tabitha. Mr. and Mrs. Richards are members of the Baptist Church. He took an active part in the building of the church at Richwood, was a member of the building committee, and is now a Deacon in the church. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Prudential Order of America, an Odd Fellow and a Freemason. He is a thorough master of his trade in all its details, understands several systems of cutting, and is doing a thriving business in Richwood. He employs three or four first-class assistants, giving them good wages and employment all the time, and is thereby enabled to guarantee his patrons satisfaction. His correct workmanship and strong desire to please, coupled with his extensive knowledge of the business, reasonable prices and choice selection of goods, procures for him a very large proportion of the custom of the town and surrounding country.

J. N. RODGERS, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, January 12, 1845. He is a son of Joseph and Hannah (Corbin) Rodgers, natives of Vermont, the former of Irish and the latter of Scotch descent. Our subject was raised and educated on the farm, and has followed farming through life. He owns 130 acres of land in Claibourne Township, where he has spent most of his life. In 1865, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a drummer boy, and served until January 20, 1866, when he was discharged at Columbus. He was married, in 1869, to Mary Baumgartner, a native of Ohio, of German descent. They have had four children born to them, viz.: Charles W., Hattie, Dora and Clara. Mr. Rodgers is a Republican in politics.

JOHN E. ROSETTE, of the firm of Barnes & Rosette, of which a description is given in the sketch of P. E. Barnes, was born in Richwood, Ohio, November 22, 1849, and is a son of Charles W. and Mary (Milligan) Rosette, natives of Ohio, the former of French and the latter of Irish and English descent. His father came to Richwood in 1845, where he engaged in the wool trade, and where he died in 1877. He was Assessor and Treasurer of the township, and for twelve years filled the office of Justice of the Peace. He raised a family of six children, five boys and one girl. Our subject was educated in the Richwood Public Schools, and for a time worked in a mill, after which he engaged in buying grain. In 1870, he engaged in selling buggies, and has since continued in that business. In 1873, he married Annie Shelton, a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, of German descent, and by her has two children—Iva, and a baby not yet named. Mr. Rosette is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Odd Fellows society, and a Republican in politics. He has served two terms as Clerk of Claibourne Township.

JAMES A. ROSS, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, November 9, 1829, and is a son of Dr. Joseph Ross, whose sketch appears in this work. Our subject received a common school education, and early adopted the profession of a farmer, which he has followed through life with marked success, now being the owner of seventy-one acres of good land. His farm is well improved and thoroughly cultivated, and has good piked roads on three sides of it. He has made his way in the world entirely without aid, having started with nothing but a year old colt. He is a horse fancier, and he and his brother own one of the best Norman horses in the county. He was married, October 27, 1852, to Nancy Headley, who was born in Coshocton County January 4, 1833; she is a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Dial) Headley, the former of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. By this union three children were born—Laura E., wife of L. O. Slemmons; Lawrence E., deceased, December 18, 1878, accidently shot while out hunting; and Imogene, now attending school.

JOHN RUHL, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Pennsylvania June 6, 1826; he is the son of Michael and Elizabeth (Curfman) Ruhl, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of German and the latter of Dutch descent. Our subject was raised and educated as a farmer, and has followed that occupation through life. He was married in 1851 to Elizabeth Walters, who was born May 8, 1827; she was also of German descent. By this marriage seven children were born, viz., James W., deceased, born March 25, 1854; Mary E., born January 23, 1856; D. C., deceased, born December 26, 1858; Maria C., born June 5, 1860; John M., born February 10, 1862; W. M., born February 7, 1864, and J. F., born November 20, 1865. Mrs. Ruhl died September 29, 1867, and on March 6, 1868, Mr. Ruhl married Julia Ann Snyder, a daughter of Jacob Snyder. Mr. Ruhl came to Claibourne Township in 1861, and now owns a farm of nearly fifty-four acres in this township. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his wife are both members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

HON. HYLAS SABINE, the son of John F. and Euphemia (Clement) Sabine, was born June 5, 1829. His father is a native of Vermont, and of English descent. His mother was born in the State of New York, and was of German ancestry. John F. Sabine located in Union Township, Union County, Ohio, in 1812, and became a prominent farmer. From 1854 to 1856, he held the position of County Auditor, and has been for many years a member of the board of Infirmary Directors for the county, being the present Secretary of said board. Hylas Sabine began to receive an education in the common schools of his neighborhood, and subsequently attended college at Delaware, Ohio. For two years, he engaged in teaching in Kentucky, and at the expiration of that time returned to Union County, locating in Marysville. He succeeded his father as County Auditor, and held the office two years. In October, 1858, he established a newspaper at Marysville, known as the *Union Press*, which was continued till August, 1863. The editorial department of the paper was conducted by J. B. Coats (present Judge of Probate), from the spring of 1861 to the autumn of 1862, Mr. Sabine having, in the meantime, resided a few months in Washington, D. C., and also taken a law course at Harvard University. October 8, 1857, he married Anna Ware, daughter of J. R. Ware, and a descendant from Scotch and English ancestors. Like her husband, she attended the law school at Harvard University, and is a thorough classical scholar. Her course of studies was taken under the widely-known instructor, Horace Mann, at Antioch College. Mr. and Mrs. Sabine are the parents of two children, a son and a daughter. The son, who is the younger child, is a present member of the Freshman class of the Ohio State University, and is fourteen years of age. The daughter is a student at the same school. After his return from Harvard, Mr. Sabine located, in 1863, at Richwood, Union County, Ohio, and became a prominent real estate dealer. He also opened up a farm three miles west of that village, and expended largely from his means in making general improvements, winning a position among the leading men of the county, for enterprise. He built the finest house and barn which have ever been erected in Richwood; these are now the property of A. J. Blake. Mr. Sabine's business ventures were moderately successful, and a great portion of their proceeds are invested in improvements. He has considerable political fame, and in 1877 was chosen on the Republican ticket to the position of State Senator, representing the Seventeenth Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Logan, Hardin, Marion and Union. This position he filled honorably and acceptably for two years. His political faith is pinned to the platform of the Republican party. February 25, 1880, he received an appointment from Gov. Foster as State Commissioner of Railroads and Telegraphs, which official position he now holds. Mr. Sabine's business and public career have extended through but a comparatively few years, yet the results of his efforts are certainly such as to afford him much gratification.

JOHN M. SANDERS, of the firm of Gardiner & Sanders, dealers in real estate, Richwood, was born in Union County, Ohio, August 25, 1837; and is a son of Samuel R. and Peggy (Hopkins) Sanders, natives of Kentucky, of English descent. He received a common school education, and remained on his father's farm until twenty-two years of age, after which he farmed for himself about four years. In 1862, he came to Richwood, and for three years conducted the Atlantic Hotel, which he sold to O. Beem. He then spent one year in the West, after which he purchased the Beem House, and one year later sold it to Wesley Abrahams. Subsequently he purchased a farm in Jackson Township, and soon afterward he purchased sixty-five acres more in the same township. After his father's death, he purchased a four-fifths interest in the home farm of 185 acres, and now he owns 165 acres of good land, in addition to a neat residence, and two lots in Richwood. In 1859, he married Elenor Blue, a native of Jackson Township, Union County, and a daughter of Michael and Elenore Blue. This union was blessed with three children, William D. being the only survivor. Mrs. Sanders died April 10, 1870, and on October 10, 1872, Mr. Sanders married Artemissa Stacey, daughter of Ira and Ellinor R. Stacey, of Madison County, by whom he has two children—Clarence M. and Percival H. Mrs. Sanders is a member of the Disciples Church. Mr. Sanders is a Democrat in politics, and has served as a delegate from his township to the county convention of his party. He is a member of the Lodge and Encampment of I. O. O. F. He has been in active business since eighteen years of age has a wide business experience, is a good judge of land, and has succeeded in all his business undertakings. He shipped the first poultry from this point, in 1864, and also the first from Larue, Marion County, at that time being engaged with W. W. Manughu, of New York City. He was also engaged for a time in selling threshing machines, is thoroughly versed in all the points of a thresher, and has sold more machines than any man in the surrounding country. He is said to be one of the best salesmen in Union County.

NICHOLAS SCHARF, deceased, was born in Germany in 1832, and emigrated to America in 1854, settling in Franklin County, Ohio. He was a life-long farmer by occupation, a Catholic in religious belief, and a Democrat in politics. He was married in France, in 1840, to Magleine Frund, a daughter of Frank Frund, a prominent German farmer of Franklin County. This union was blessed with an issue of nine children, viz.: George, Annie M., Marianna, John A., Maggie J., Joseph Frank, Katie E., Clara V. and Louise M. They are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Scharf died in 1879. Mrs. Scharf came to Union County in 1879, and settled in Claibourne Township, where she owns a farm of fifty-four acres of good land. She is a careful manager, and with the aid of her son George, who stays at home to work for her, she is conducting her farm in a most prosperous manner.

PETER SELLS, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Green Township, Franklin County, Ohio, June 15, 1811, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Thrush) Sells, the former a farmer and teamster by occupation, and both of German descent. Our subject was educated in the select schools of his day, and in early life followed the carpenter's trade, but latterly has been engaged in farming. He owns 100 acres of good land, which he has acquired by his own personal efforts. He has been twice married. By his first wife, Catharine Stambaugh, he had nine children, four now living, all married and doing well. His wife died in 1876, and on February 17, 1881, he married Nancy J. Clark. He is a Republican and a member of the United Brethren Church, in which he has been a class leader.

C. D. SIDLE, farmer, P. O. Richwood. Rev. John C. Sidle, the father of our subject, was born in Ohio in 1812 and died in Richwood in 1877. He came to Union County with his wife, Elizabeth (Hamilton) Sidle, in 1838, and for nearly half a century officiated as a minister of the Methodist denomination in this county. In addition to his ministerial duties, he devoted considerable time to farming, and at one time owned 1,400 acres of land in Union County. He was an honorable gentleman, of a genial, social disposition, a good linguist and fluent speaker, charitable to a fault, and wonderfully attachedto his children. He was Trustee of Claibourne Township for a time, and for twenty years served as a Justice of the Peace. It is said of him that he married more couples than any man that ever lived in the county. His family consisted of seven children, and included three pairs of twins, viz.: John, now a merchant in Chicago; Mary and Martha, the latter deceased and the former now the wife of J. J. Jolliff; W. H. and Hannah, now wife of W. H. Tanner; and Sarah R., deceased, and our subject. The latter was born in Claibourne Township March 17, 1838, and was reared on the farm, receiving the rudiments of his education in the common schools, after which he attended Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and graduated in 1867. He has followed farming for a livelihood and owns a good farm of 132 acres in the town ship. In 1869, he married Emeret Wood, a daughter of Benjamin Wood, of English descent. By this union three children were born, viz., Laura C., C. D. and Jacob P. Mr. and Mrs. Sidle are members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

W. H. SIDLE is a farmer of this township, where he was born November 18, 1839. In 1878, he married Martha A. Dilsaver, daughter of Adam Dilsaver, whose sketch appears in this work. They have one child—Frederick C. Mr. Sidle and wife are members of the Methodist Protestant Church. In 1862, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until 1863, when he was discharged on account of disability. He is a member of the Odd Fellow and Masonic fraternities; a Republican, and owner of 121 acres of land. His first wife, Malissa Kinney, died in 1875, leaving one child, Anna L., the only survivor of her two children.

J. D. SLEMMONS, carpenter, Richwood, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, July 26, 1841, and is the son of James L. and Susannah (Osborn) Slemmons, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania, both of English and Irish descent. Our subject was reared on his father's farm and received a common school education. In 1864, he came to Union County and for eight years clerked in the store of John Landon at Richwood. In 1876, he engaged in the insurance business, as agent for the Richwood Mutual Company, in which capacity he continued for some time, with success. He has for many years been engaged more or less as a carpenter, but has never devoted his time exclusively to that trade. He is a Republican, and the owner of a house and four acres of land lying in the corporation of Richwood. His father died in 1865, and since that time his mother has lived with him and attended to the household duties of his home.

ISAAC SMART, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Union County May 16, 1850, and is a son of Joseph and Hannah C. (Cowgill) Smart, natives of Ohio, of German descent. They came to Union County in 1849, and located on a farm in Claibourne Township, where the father died in 1879. The mother now resides with our subject, who is engaged in farming, at which he has worked all his life. He was educated in the district school, and in 1872 married Harriet Wurtsbaugh, whose people were of German and Irish descent. By this union two children were born—Lora and Lawrence. Mr. Smart was the ninth child of his father's family of ten children, six of whom reached their majority.

ROBERT JAMES SMITH (deceased) was born in Franklin County, Penn., February 2, 1800, and died April 23, 1882. When he was two years of age, his parents moved to Washington County, Md., where the early portion of his life was spent. On the 22d of April, 1824, he married Miss Catharine Kuhn, who lived but one year and seven days after their marriage. In the early summer of 1828, he moved from Maryland to Muskingum County, Ohio, making the trip across the mountains on foot. On June 23, 1830, he was again married, to Miss Mary Haines, with whom he lived until September 17, 1874, when she was called from him. In the spring of 1851, they removed from Muskingum County, the last dwelling-place of both. To them were born nine children, five of whom preceded them to the spirit land, and four are left to mourn their loss. Mr. Smith's remains were interred in the Claibourne Cemetery. In his death, the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he had been a member for half a century, lost one of its most conscientious, faithful and incorruptible members; the family a noble father; and the community a man and a fellow-citizen of sterling worth and unsullied excellence of character, in whose ripe years nature fulfilled her work and loaded him with the fruit of a well-spent life. In his death, he closed a career of exemplary fidelity to his aim in life—to be a quiet, unassuming and honorable man and an humble Christian, which he followed through many changes and trials with quiet confidence to the end.

GEORGE SMITH, grocer, Richwood, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, July 15, 1846, and is a son of Robert J. (deceased) and Mary (Haines) Smith deceased, the former a native Maryland, of Irish descent, and the latter a native of Ohio, of English descent. He was educated in the graded schools and raised on a farm. In 1851, he came to Richwood and followed farming as an occupation until twenty-six years of age. In his twenty-seventh year he began clerking for John Landon in the dry goods store and two years later assumed the management of the grocery department of Mr. Landon's store, in which he was engaged five years. In 1879, he began business for himself and has met with more than average success. In 1874, he married Mattie Landon, a native of Marion County. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in which he has been steward and trustee, and an active worker in the Sabbath school. He also takes an active interest in the cause of education, and is a member of the Board of Education of Richwood. He is a Republican in politics.

ISAAC SNARE, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Pennsylvania December 28, 1819, and is a son of David and Catherine Snare, natives of Maryland. His father was a carpenter, but died in 1823, and Isaac was raised on a farm, his education being very meager. In 1845, he came to Licking County, Ohio, and in the following year returned to Pennsylvania for his mother, who lived with him until her death. In 1853, he came to Claibourne Township and settled on the farm of fifty-two acres where he now resides, taking the land in its wild state and improving it. When he first came to this township, he killed thirteen deer and forty-eight wild turkeys in one winter. In 1847, he married Phebe Edwards, daughter of Ira and Ann (Evans) Edwards, and by her has had seven children, viz.: Susannah L., Edith, Minerva, Eliza, George W., Anna A. and Mary. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Snare is a Republican in politics. During his long life in a new country, he has met with many narrow escapes of injury, and has frequently had his life placed in imminent jeopardy.

MOSES SNEDEKER, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in this State June 2, 1846; he is the son of John F. and Sina Snedeker, who were of Dutch descent. The former was in early life a school teacher, but after coming to this county in 1852, he followed farming until his death in 1870. Our subject was raised on a farm, receiving an ordinary district school education, and in 1872 married Mary F. Preston, daughter of John Preston, by whom he has had three children, viz.: Charles E., Cora M. and Lina M. Mrs. Snedeker is a member of the Disciples Church. Mr. Snedeker is a stanch Republican in politics, and watches with interest all the movements of his party. He is a thorough, practical farmer, and very well spoken of by his neighbors.

LUCIUS H. STEPHENSON, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Licking County, Ohio, April 25, 1823; he is a son of John and Nancy (Baker) Stephenson, natives of Vermont, the former of Turkish and the latter of English descent. His father was a shoe-maker, and came to Licking County in 1820. Our subject was raised in Knox County, Ohio, receiving a common school education, and early adapted the occupation of a farmer, which he has followed with success most of his life. In 1850, he went to California and for two years engaged in mining, obtaining his start in life in that way. He came to Union County in 1852, and purchased fifty acres of land, to which he has since added from time to time until he now owns 177 acres in addition to his residence in Richwood. In 1852, he married Mrs. Rebecca Chapman, who died in November, 1858, without issue. On April 5, 1859, he married Mrs. Abigail (Graham) Hamilton, a widow with five children, and by her has had three children, viz.: Sylvia, Alwilda and Bluma. The parents are members of the Church of Christ, in which he has been an Elder. He is a Republican in politics.

JOHN C. STUBERT, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 13, 1838, and is a son of John and Clarissa (Biddle) Stubert, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and a salesman in a boot and shoe store most of his life, and the latter a native of New Jersey, of English descent. Our subject was educated in the graded schools of his native city, and early in life learned the trade of a carriage-maker. In 1861, he enlisted in Company K, of an independent cavalry regiment known as "Col. Mill's Horse," which was recruited from most of the Northern States. He was Third Duty Sergeant, and served with his command three years, in that time missing but one scouting duty. In 1864, he came to Richwood and purchased seventy acres of land, with money saved while in the service. In 1865, he married Sarah M. Hoyt, who was born August 1, 1838, and by whom he has had one child—Anna G., born August 29, 1867, and now is in school at Cincinnati. Mrs. Stubert is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church of Richwood. Mr. Stubert is a Republican in politics,

MRS. SUSANNAH SWARTZ, Richwood. The venerable lady whose name heads this sketch is one of the early pioneers of the State. She knew Union and Delaware Counties when they were one vast wilderness, and has witnessed the many changes that marked their settlement and that developed them into fine farming communities. The extensive fields of grain, so familiar to us, she remembers as dense forests, only inhabited by wild beasts. She was born in Hocking County, Ohio, December 9, 1799, and is a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Dils) Shoup. Her father, and her grandfather, Sebastian Shoup, were both all through the Revolutionary War. Her parents came to Ohio in an ox cart, in 1799, and settled in Hocking County. They had eleven children, Mrs. Swartz being the seventh. Her father was a millwright, and erected the first mill in Hocking County. Mrs. Swartz never saw an apple until in 1812; her father purchased a peck of a neighbor, who had brought some from New York. They cost $1, which was equivalent to two or three days' work, per peck. In 1817, she married Daniel Swartz, who was born in Pennsylvania December 3, 1797. This union was blessed with five children, all of whom grew up, but have since died. The sole representatives of this old lady are two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is now living with Jacob E. Swartz, who was born in 1860, and now lives on a farm within the corporation of Richwood, where she has lived since 1834. In her younger days, she was accustomed to driving four-horse teams, and often made the trip of eighteen miles to the nearest mill. She was a remarkably strong and hearty woman, not afraid of labor, and could make a full hand at any work; she could feed, harness, hitch and drive a team, milk the cows, feed the hogs, chop wood, saw and roll logs, pitch and stack hay, and indeed do anything that was required on a farm in the infancy of our country. She often took her spinning-wheel on her shoulder and walked five miles to do a week's spinning, for which she would get 50 cents. She has spun and woven thousands of yards of cloth, and made all the clothing worn by the family, in addition to doing her household work and assisting the men about the farm. She has been a rigid member of the church for over a half century, and is highly respected and esteemed for her many Christian virtues. Though now over four, score years of age, she has full possession of her faculties, enjoys good health, and has a very robust constitution for one of her years.

A. J. THOMAS is a dentist in Richwood, Ohio. He was born in the State of Pennsylvania, Indiana County, February 16, 1847. His parents were also natives of the Keystone State, his father of Welsh and his mother of English descent. The subject of this sketch entered the army at the age of sixteen years, where he served three terms and was honorably discharged from the service August 4, 1865. After spending several years in his native State, and in the District of Columbia, he adopted the profession of dentistry, which he has followed since 1873. He located in Richwood in 1877, where he has practiced his chosen profession.

GEORGE B. TUCKER, carriage manufacturer, Richwood, was born in Cincinnati April 3, 1843, and is a son of Albert G. and Eliza J. (Evans) Tucker, the former of English and Welsh, and the latter of English descent. His father was a jeweler and silversmith, and carried on business at Lebanon, Ohio, from 1849 until the time of his death, in 1858. Our subject received his education in the Normal School at Lebanon, and learned the trade of a carpenter, which he followed until the breaking-out of the war. In 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Eighteenth Regiment Ohio Infantry, and served three years, without a day of sickness, and was a participant in all the engagements in which his command figured. In 1864, he came to Richwood and engaged in the manufacture of bodies for buggies and carriages, and in selling wagons. In 1871, he married Sarah J. Moore, a native of Licking County, who died in 1880, leaving one child—Elsie J. Mr. Tucker is Captain of Company G, Fourteenth Regiment Ohio National Guards, and Chief of the Richwood Fire Department, and has been Marshal of the village. He is a member of the Protestant Church, of which he has been a Trustee, and takes an active interest in the Sabbath school.

RICHARD TYLER, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, in 1815, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret (Smart) Tyler, the former a native of Maryland, of English descent, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent. His parents were early pioneers of Ohio, who settled where Columbus now stands, before the existence of the town. His father was a soldier of the war of 1812, and by occupation a manufacturer and dealer in boots and shoes. Our subject attended the select schools of this State, and on December 24, 1835, married Lavina, a daughter of Rev. H. and Sarah (Vinney) Barker; her father was a minister of the Christian Church, and a native of New York, of English descent. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler have five children, viz.: Rosanna, Leroy, Isaiah, Marion and Arminda F. In 1865, the family came to Claibourne Township and settled one and a quarter miles east of Richwood, where they still reside. The parents are members of the Christian Church, to which Mr. Tyler has belonged since he was fifteen years of age. He is the owner of fifty-five acres of land, on which they reside, and which he is engaged in cultivating.

STEPHEN VAN R. YOUNG, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, October 26, 1831, and is a son of Elijah and Amy (Larkins) Young, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of New York State, both of English descent. They were among the pioneers of Delaware County, where they settled at an early day. Our subject received an ordinary education, and early adopted the occupation of a farmer. In 1856, he went to California and spent four years and a half in the mines, with moderate success. In 1861, he returned to Ohio and married Miss Berthena Belfield, a native of England, and a daughter of William Belfield, who came to America in 1843, and settled in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Young have had three children, viz.: Willis E., Lutell, and Maggie C., deceased. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Young is a Republican, a strong temperance man, and a life-long farmer, now owning ninety-five acres, nearly ten of which are in the corporation of Richwood. He was President of the School Board when the new schoolhouse was built, and donated a part of the ground for a site. He came to Union County and settled on the farm, where he now resides, living in a log cabin, which has since been replaced by a handsome brick residence.

S. W. VAN WINKLE, attorney at law, Richwood, was born in Indiana County, Penn., April 4, 1852. He is a son of Isaac and A. T. (Davis) Van Winkle, the former a native of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent, and the latter a native of New York, of Irish descent. Our subject received a good English education in the common and high schools, and in early manhood began teaching, which he followed for some time. Being anxious to see more of the world, he engaged with a New York publishing firm, and proved himself to be both a good salesman and a good collector. His determination was to become a lawyer, and this business afforded him an excellent opportunity to study human nature. As soon as it became financially practicable, he entered the law office of Powell & Fulton to begin the study of his chosen profession, and in this he applied himself so diligently that he completed the two years' course in eighteen months, and in 1882 was admitted to the bar. He immediately began the practice at Richwood, and is now also agent for eight insurance companies, among them the best in the United States. He is a Democrat, a member of the Board of School Examiners, and President of the Teachers' Institute. He was married, in 1881, to Jennie Loveless, of Richwood.

SOLOMON WALKER, farmer, P. O. Richwood, is a son of Alexander and Margaret (Cane) Walker, the former a native of Pennsylvania of Irish descent, and the latter a native of Virginia of Scotch descent. He was born in Delaware County, Ohio, March 14, 1824, and being left an orphan at the tender age of three years, was raised by his eldest sister, who was the wife of Rev. Levi Meredith. He was raised on a farm, and followed farming until twenty-six years of age. He began life by farming rented land, and was soon able to purchase a small farm of forty acres, which he has since increased to 106 acres. He came to Union County in 1851, and has since made it the place of his residence. He is a dealer in French Norman horses, and is said to be a first-class horseman, but makes a specialty of draft horses. In 1870, he purchased an interest in two horses imported by the Union County Importing Company. He has sold horses of his own raising as high as $1,000 per head. He is a successful business man, charitable in his dealings with the poor, and a liberal supporter of all worthy enterprises. He is a Democrat in politics, and has often represented his township in the county conventions of his party. He is a member of the Odd Fellows society, and a charter member of the lodge at Richwood. On September 17, 1846, he married Elizabeth Winchell, a native of New York, and a daughter of Thomas Winchell, who settled in Delaware County, Ohio, in 1828. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have never had any children of their own, but they have adopted and raised six children.

WILLIAM WALLACE, deceased, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, April 12, 1820. He was a son of John and Mary (McFadden) Wallace, natives of Ireland, who entered Harrison County at an early day and located on the farm where our subject was born. He was raised on a farm, and followed farming and stock-raising until his death, which occurred January 3, 1869. In 1850, he married Miss Martha Ross, who was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, in 1827; she is a daughter of William and Elsie (Cooper) Ross, the former of Scotch, and the latter of Dutch descent. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace were the parents of five children, viz.: John W., Thomas B., Ross H., S. May, the wife of Albert Baker, and Mattie J. In 1852, Mr. Wallace came to Claibourne Township, where he was engaged in farm operations; his widow resides on a farm of 140 acres in that township.

REUBEN W. WEISZ, retired, Richwood, was born at Lancaster, Ohio, June 20, 1820; he is the son of George and Catharine E. (Shuman) Weisz, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. They clung to the habits of the fatherland in their family, speaking German exclusively and teaching that language to their children before they did English. The subject of this sketch could speak two languages at the age of twelve years, and later in life learned a third. When about thirteen years of age, he left home and until 1843 clerked in a dry goods store. He resided in Hocking County a number of years, and while there was engaged as a merchant and hotel-keeper and also as a dealer in lumber. In 1855, he came to Richwood and has since been variously engaged, but latterly he has retired from active business life. In 1844, he married Mary A. Abbott, a native of Fairfield County, and a daughter of Orrin and Rosanna (Hayes) Abbott. She died in 1856, leaving three children, and in 1857 he married Mary H. Thompson, a daughter of Hugh and Mary W. (Cotton) Thompson. His second wife died in 1874, also leaving three children. In 1875, he married Miss Nancy M. Waters, a native of New York State and a daughter of Nathan P. and Susan D. (Perry) Waters. She died in 1879, leaving one child. Mr. Weisz takes a great pride in his home, which is presided over by his youngest child by his second marriage, while he superintends his business affairs. He has met with success in all of his business operations, has always enjoyed a comfortable portion of this world's goods and now has a competency sufficient to support him in his declining years. He was for twenty-six years a member of the German Reformed Church, of which his father was a minister for forty years, but there being no church of that denomination in Richwood, he has since his residence here been connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN WERRICK, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Greene County, Penn., April 16, 1822, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Armstrong) Werrick, natives of Maryland, the former of English and the latter of Dutch descent. His father emigrated to Ohio in 1824 and located in Knox County. He was a shoe-maker by trade, but, after his settlement in this State, followed farming. Our subject was reared on the farm, receiving a common-school education, and later in life learned the carpenter's trade. In 1847, he enlisted in Company H, Col. Roll's Regiment of Missouri Infantry, for service in the Mexican war, and was detailed to assist the Surgeon. In this way he gained some knowledge of medicine, which he found most useful while crossing the plains to California. In 1856, he came to this county, and on October 8, 1858, he married Elvira Cameron, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Reed) Cameron, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. By this union six children were born, viz., W. W., Thomas J., Sarah J., Charlotte B., J. A. and Carrie E.

N. P. WESTHEIMER, of the firm of Westheimer & Taylor, grocers, Richwood, was born in Germany September 22, 1837, and at the tender age of three years was thrown upon the care of strangers by the loss of his parents. At the age of nineteen years, he emigrated to America, and, after spending two years in the State of New York, he came to Ohio and settled in Logan County, where he embarked in the mercantile business, which he has since followed in different parts of the State. He has been in business in Richwood since 1859, and is the oldest surviving business man of that place. He has built several buildings in the village, and has aided very materially in the improvement of that place, having also built a handsome brick dwelling in which he resides. In 1875, he was engaged in the dry goods and grocery trade, but is now dealing entirely in the latter. He had his store burned to the ground at a very considerable loss to himself, but being a man of unusual energy and ability, he was soon enabled to overcome his reverses. He is an earnest advocate of total abstinance and, though formerly a Republican, now supports the Prohibition party. He is a member of the Odd Fellows society, and a charter member of the lodge at Richwood. In 1861, he married Sarah E. Irwin, a native of Union County, and a daughter of Richard M. and Eliza B. (Duckworth) Irwin. By this union one child was born, viz., Ida May, who graduated from Delaware University in 1882.

PENROSE WILEY, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in this State February 17, 1839. His father Absalon Wiley, son of Solomon and Maria (Messler) Wiley, was born in Pennsylvania August 15, 1808, his father being a native of the same State, and his mother of New Jersey. He was educated in the common schools of his time, and followed farming all his life, with the exception of two terms of service as Sheriff of Union County. He was the Commander of the Second Brigade, Fifteenth Division of State Militia, in 1840, and was with Ohio's statesman Tom Corwin on his "water-melon raid." He came to Union County in 1844, and settled in Claibourne Township, where he followed farming. His father, Solomon, was a soldier of the war of 1812. Our subject was raised on a farm and has devoted his life to that honorable avocation, now owning 130 acres of good land. In 1864, he enlisted in Company F, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. In 1872, he married Joanna, daughter of C. E. Fish, and by her has two children—Wilbert and Delphia. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley are members of the M. E. Church, in which he has been a Trustee. He is a Republican, in politics, and has served as Trustee of his township. His brother John was at one time Auditor of the county.

TIMOTHY J. WILLIAMS, grain dealer, Richwood, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, September 6, 1844; he is a son of David and Elizabeth (Lewis) Williams, natives of Wales, who emigrated to America in 1817, and in 1830 settled in Delaware County, Ohio. His father was born in 1807, and died in 1876; he was a life-long farmer, and resided until his death in Delaware County. Our subject received the advantages of the college at Delaware, and when twenty years of age began teaching school, an occupation he followed for ten years, six of these years being spent in one school of his native county. He came to Richwood in 1875, and has since made this the place of his residence. He was married in 1870 to Miss Margaret C. Kyle, a native of Delaware County, and a daughter of James Kyle. By this union two children were born, viz., Ila May and Guy. Mrs. Williams is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Williams is a Democrat in politics. In 1864, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was also a member of the State Guards, and with his command was called out to repel Morgan in his raid through Southern Ohio.

DAVID H. WILLOUGHBY, tailor, Richwood, was born in Licking County, Ohio, January 7, 1848, and is a son of Birdsey and Nancy (De Wolf) Willoughby, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Connecticut, both of English descent. He was raised on a farm, and in early life learned the tailor trade, which he has since followed. He is a man of steady habits and a good workman, and for the past seven years has been engaged with W. H. Richards, at Richwood, where he resides. He was married in 1874, to Civilla Cain, by whom he had one child—Harvey, who died in 1877. Mrs. Willoughby died in 1878, and on January 1, 1882, Mr. Willoughby married Lillie B. Frye. They are both members of the Richwood Baptist Church.

JAMES W. WOODRUFF, drayman, Richwood, was born in Licking County, Ohio, November 22, 1835; he is a son of John and Julia (Cunningham) Woodruff, natives of Licking County, of German and English descent. His father was a shoe-maker and farmer, and settled in Claibourne Township in 1841, and at that late day is said to have shot deer and wild turkeys from his cabin door. Our subject was raised on the farm, receiving a common school education, and remained on the farm until 1881. In 1855, he married Emily Collier, a native of Licking

County, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Mary (Ford) Collier. By this union three children were born, viz.: Minerva Ann, wife of F. Merritt, Benjamin (deceased) and Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff are members of the Baptist Church of Richwood.

G. H. WOODS, Richwood, was born at Richwood, Ohio, August 8, 1834; he is a son of John and Sarah (Brookins) Woods. His father was born in Ireland, in 1799, and came to Pennsylvania, with his parents, in 1801; he was a tailor by trade, and conducted a tailor shop for several years in Richwood, where he died in 1874; he devoted a large portion of his life to farming, in which he was very successful. Our subject received his education in the schools of his native village, and started in life as a farmer boy; he engaged in the drug business in Richwood in 1868, and after following it for three years, embarked in the dry goods business, which he followed ten years, selling out in 1882 to J. B. Miller. In 1870, he married Lovina Siples, who was born in Marion County in 1844. They have four children, viz.: Minnie Francis E., Wilke Gaylord and Anna L. Mr. Woods is a Republican, and the owner of ninety-three acres of land in this township. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge in 1878 and 1879; he is also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

P. G. WYNEGAR, pike contractor, Richwood, was born in Highland County, Ohio, March 18, 1826, and is a son of David and Catharine (Grim) Wynegar, natives of Virginia, of Dutch descent. He was raised on the farm, receiving a common school education, and followed farming until twenty-one years of age, when he engaged in the manufacture of brick, which he followed four years in Springfield. He then came to Richwood, and for eight years followed farming and brick-making. In 1876, he commenced taking contracts for building pikes, and now has a contract for $19,000 worth of work. He usually employs about thirty teams, and has employed as high as eighty-two. He owns 100 acres of land in Leesburg Township, where his father settled in 1838. He was married in 1850 to Elizabeth Ross, a native of Muskingum County, Ohio, and a daughter of Dr. J. N. Ross. This union has been blessed with nine children, four living, viz.: William C., Ida J., Philota and Estelle. Mrs. Wynegar died February 9, 1874.

MORGAN YOUNG, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, September 27, 1837, and is a son of Elijah and Amy (Larkins) Young, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent, and early settlers in Delaware County. He was reared on a farm and received a limited education, after which he began life for himself as a hired hand, working by the month. He also followed mining in California for two years, but since 1861 he has been a resident of this county, now owning 118 acres of land, made entirely by his own efforts. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Odd Fellows society of Richwood. He was married August 26, 1862, to Elenora Finch, by whom he had five children, viz.: Frank, Ed., Vinnie, Vellie and Otis M.

CHAPTER XIII.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP occupies the northwestern corner of Union County. Unlike most townships in the county, its outlines are comparatively regular, as it is bounded by four straight lines. To the west of it lies Logan County and Hardin and Marion Counties to the north. Jackson Township bounds it on the east, and York Township on the south. The boundary line between it and York is the Greenville Treaty line of 1795.

The township was erected a civil subdivision of the county in 1836. The Commissioners' journal under date of June 6, of that year, contains the following entry:

The Board considered a petition handed in by John Dysert, praying for a new township to be taken from the north part of the township of York. Whereupon it was agreed that a township be formed, to be called Washington, to be bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of the township of Claibourne, thence running west parallel with the northern line of the county to the western boundary line of the county, thence north with said line to the northwest corner of Union County, thence east with the north line of the county to the northwest corner of Jackson Township, thence with the line of said township south to the place of beginning.

As its date indicates, Washington was one of the later townships organized in Union County. Its boundaries as originally constituted have perhaps been less subject to change and alteration than almost any other township in the county.

Topographically, the township is nearly uniform in its several parts and also strongly resembles adjacent townships. It embraces a level stretch of country, broken in the western part and to some extent along the streams by gentle undulations. The most important stream is Rush Creek, which enters from Hardin County close to the northwestern corner of the township, but soon bends northward and passes back into Hardin County about a mile east of its entrance into the township; it soon after re-enters and pursues a southeasterly course through the township, crossing the eastern boundary line near its center. Rocky Fork, a tributary of this stream, rises in the southwestern part of the township and meanders in a northeasterly direction through the central portion of the township until it mingles its waters with those of Rush Creek. The North Branch of Bokes Creek cuts across the southwestern corner of the township separating portions of several farms from the main body of the township. Rush Creek has several small tributaries in the northwestern region of the township, and in the southeastern part three or four runs flow southward and eastward into Fulton Creek. The composition of the soil is argillaceous, except along the streams, where sand and gravel prevail to some extent. Ponds were not uncommon in early times, and a considerable portion of the township was swale land. The most of this, by systematic drainage, has, however, been converted into productive fields. Sugar, beech, ash, oak, hickory, elm, black walnut and cherry were the most important woods that covered the ground when the first settlers arrived. Walnut, red elm and buckeye were found along the creeks, and burr oak in the low lands. Considerable underbrush also flourished. Some small tracts of timber were deadened by forest fires, which often raged in dry weather, and there were places, usually wet where the fires in extremely dry weather had burned a kind of peat which covered the surface of the ground and with it the roots of the trees, until one after another the sturdy monarchs of the forest fell crashing to the earth. Several tracts, acres in extent, were thus entirely denuded of their forest covering. The land along the streams was a little higher and drier than the rest, and deemed more fertile, consequently the first settlements were made there.

SURVEYS.

The township contained one survey—in the north-central part—of 2,666⅔ acres, and one in the northeastern part of 1,555½ acres. There are a number of 1,000 acres, but the majority are of a lesser extent. The following is a list of surveys: Squire Grant, No. 7,373, 200 acres, lying in and north of Byhalia, surveyed October 30, 1822, by Thomas J. McArthur; Maria and John C. Ransdale, heirs, and James Taylor and Charles Scott, assignees, No. 9,893, 528 acres, southwest corner of township, partly in Logan County, surveyed January 6, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; John Swan and James Taylor, No. 9,894, 1,000 acres in the southwestern part of the township, surveyed January 7, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; James Wallace and John McPherson, No. 9,895, 1,000 acres, southwestern part of the township, surveyed January 7, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; Thomas Scott, No. 9,896, 364 acres, south of Byhalia, surveyed November 5, 1821, by Thomas McArthur; James Fitzpatrick, No. 9,896, 100 acres, southeast of Byhalia, surveyed November 5, 1821, by Thomas McArthur; Robert Sayer, James Taylor, Nicholas Tallioferro and James Taylor, No. 9,897, 1,000 acres east of Byhalia, surveyed January 8, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; William Dark's representatives, No. 9,916, 833 acres, south-central part of the township, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur, November 3, 1821; Rowland Madison's representatives, No. 9,917, 1,000 acres, east-central part of township, surveyed January 15, 1820, by Samuel Forrer; James Berwick, No 9,918, 666⅔ acres, eastern part of township, surveyed February 14, 1826, by Thomas J. McArthur; Michael Rudolph's representatives, Nos. 9,960 and 10,042, 2,000 acres, northwest corner of township and partly in Logan and Hardin Counties, surveyed November 10, 1821, by Thomas J. McArthur; Presley Davis, No. 10,383, 200 acres, northeastern part, mostly in Hardin County, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur December 16, 1823; Richard Davis, No. 10,938, 200 acres, southeastern part, surveyed April 30, 1824, by Thomas J. McArthur; Robert Dugan, No. 10,938, 200 acres, southeastern part, surveyed April 30, 1824, by Thomas J. McArthur; John Lipscomb, No. 10,938, 200 acres, southeast corner of township, surveyed April 30, 1824, by Thomas J. McArthur; George Winchester, No. 10,971, 2,666⅔ acres, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur October 29, 1822; Richard Dorsey, No. 12,105, 1,000 acres, western part of township, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur November 8, 1824; Elizabeth R. Worthington's heirs, No. 12,112, 1,333⅓ acres, western part of township and partly in Logan County, surveyed by E. P. Kendrick July 1, 1840; George Lambert, No. 12,281, 500 acres, mostly in Hardin County, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur December 15, 1823; Elizabeth A. P. Scarborough, No. 12,289, 1,555⅓ acres, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur April 29, 1824; James J. Teackle, No. 12,360, 916½ acres, mostly in Hardin County, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur April 30, 1824; John Evans, No. 13,320, 160 acres, west of Byhalia, surveyed by Cadwallader Wallace July 10, 1832; James Gallaway, Jr., No. 13,427, 89 acres, eastern part of township, surveyed by James Gallaway, Jr., November7, 1833; Cadwallader Wallace, No. 13,748, 260 acres, northern part, surveyed by Cadwallader Wallace March 21, 1836; Allen Latham, No. 14,639, 330 acres, southeastern part, surveyed by E. P. Kendricks, December 25, 1843; Thomas Paisley, No. 12,189, 200 acres, partly in Hardin and Madison Counties, surveyed by Thomas J. McArthur December 16, 1823; Abraham J. Williams, No. 10,177, 523 acres in northern part of township; W. and J. Tibbs and others, No. 9,915, 959 acres, mostly in Logan County, surveyed by Samuel Forrer January 14, 1820; Robert Green, No. 10,945, eastern part of township, 166 acres. The surveys were usually found to contain more land than the quantity for which they were surveyed, and in some cases the excess was considerable.

EARLY SETTLEMENTS.

The first white occupants of Washington Township were mainly a class of men who were attracted thither by the game, which abounded in the deep solitudes of the region. They were usually men who enjoyed hunting and trapping better than anything else, who possessed no land and who did not care to possess any, but preferred ranging over large scopes of country at will to owning and tilling a limited tract of land. The proprietors of the land here were mostly non-residents of Ohio, and the first squatters would pitch their tents at desirable localities without attempting to find the owner and obtain permission, and in this they were seldom molested. The owners rarely knew of the squatter occupancy, and when they did were usually not disposed to remove the occupants as the cabin that would invariably be erected and the little clearing that would be made enchanced the value of the land. But few traces remain of these primitive settlers, although it is scarcely more than a half century since the land was first occupied. Almost all the pioneers, both those whose title to possession was only the frail squatter's claim and those who purchased and improved land, have long ago emigrated to other parts.

Before tiling was introduced to reclaim the lands from swales and swamps, agricultural pursuits were attended with serious obstacles and meager results and the discontent thus produced promoted emigration to other localities. The darkest period in the township history was after game had disappeared from the forests and before the improved system of farming was adopted. To those who loved the free and roaming life of a huntsman, Washington Township invited a sojourn for many years. Game was abundant and the product of the chase found an easy market, sufficient to provide for the few, simple wants which the position of the squatters required. For a few years after the first settlers came, the Wyandot Indians shared with the whites the occupancy of the hunting grounds in this vicinity. The Indians engaged in trapping and also in sugar-making to some extent. Their relations to the whites were always of a friendly nature, and the two races sometimes pursued their favorite pastimes in company, and the young emigrants learned many a valuable fact in hunting from their swarthy neighbors.

Edward, or Ned Southworth, as he was familiarly known, is reputed to be the first settler in the township, but the date of his arrival is not known. It was probably not far from 1830. He came from Logan County and owned a piece of land on Rocky Run. His brother, William Southworth, also moved to this township, but died a few years later.

Stephen Davis, a prominent pioneer, moved to a little place he had purchased on Rocky Run in the eastern part of Survey No. 9,917, in 1832. He was born in Maryland and removed when a young man to Bourbon County, Ky. There he remained until 1808, when he came to Ohio. He first lived in Brown, then Pickaway County, and from the latter place came to Washington Township with his wife Sarah. He remained on his farm here the remainder of his life. He was influential among his neighbors and highly esteemed. Of a large family of children, Ebenezer was the only one who emigrated to this township. He came in 1832 from Pickaway County to Jackson Township, and to Washington Township in 1837. He succeeded his father in the possession of the farm and also succeeded to the esteem with which his father had been regarded. Ebenezer died May 2, 1867; his widow still survives.

John Dysert was among the first to settle on Rush Creek. He was born at Portsmouth, Ohio, moved to Ross County, then to Mill Creek, several miles below Marysville, whence he came here in 1836. He was a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church and was reputed to possess an excellent character. He owned no land and his tastes led him to follow hunting as a pursuit. Only three families had settled on Rush Creek in this township when he came. He remained here about nine years, then removed to Ross County. His wife was Mary Wheeler, and his family consisted of twelve children, four of whom now reside in Jackson Township.

The Titsworths came about 1834. They consisted of Isaac Titsworth, his wife and two sons—Hiram and Lemuel—and several daughters. They had formerly resided for many years in Logan County. They settled in the southwestern part of Survey 9,917, about a mile northeast from Byhalia, on the Essex road. Hiram was the first Justice of the Peace in the township. But little legal erudition was then requisite as a qualification for election to this office and legal forms were not very closely observed at first. Hiram afterward sold his place of 126 acres in Survey 9,917, and removed to Missouri. Isaac and his wife died in the township, and Lemuel moved to Richland County, near Mansfield, after disposing of his farm in this township.

James Foster was a good specimen of the rough backwoodsman. He owned ninety-one acres in Survey 9,917, but remained here only a few years.

He hailed originally from the South, and moved with a large family to near Middlebury, Logan County.

Jonathan Haynes was one of the foremost pioneers. He owned and occupied a 100-acre farm on Rush Creek in the northeast corner of Survey 9,-917, since known as the H. W. Minuh place. Mr. Haynes removed to Mt. Victory, Ohio, where he kept hotel for awhile. He died in that village.

John Johnson came about 1837. He was raised in Logan County, married Ann Southworth and purchased a portion of Survey 13,320, just northwest of Byhalia. He was industrious and accumulated some property. He returned to Logan County and is still living near Pickerill, that county. His son, Hosea, lived for a short time on Rocky Fork, then removed to Logan County.

Jeremiah Lingrel came in 1837 from Logan County. He was a native of Virginia and in Logan County married Ellen Ragan, by whom he had thirteen children. For many years after he came to Washington Township he owned no land. He built his first cabin north of Byhalia, and when the Marysville & Kenton road was opened the cabin stood in the way and had to be removed. He then lived in the Harriman place in the southwest part of Survey 9,916; he afterward moved to the western part of the township.

Marquis Osborn came in 1837. He was an Eastern man, but prior to his residence here lived a while near Urbana. He had a small family and died at his place on Rush Creek—Survey 13,427, later known as the Burnside farm.

In the same year, Moses Redford was making shoes on Rocky Fork. He owned no land and remained in the township but a short time.

Jesse Thornton settled in the township about 1835, purchasing 150 acres in Survey 13,320, northwest from Byhalia. He was originally from South Carolina, but had lived in Virginia and Tennessee before emigrating to Ohio. He first located in Champaign County and then lived in Logan County eleven years before coming here. He engaged in shoe-making and coopering before settling in Washington Township, but here he devoted his attention entirely to farming. He had married Nancy Richardson and raised a large family. His children were James, Boyd, Jacob, Aaron, Jesse, Mary, Sallie, wife of Levin Wright, Lucinda, the wife of Solomon Shirtzler, Rachel, wife of John Harriman, and Nancy, wife of Joshua Harriman. Mr. Thornton was born in 1777, and died in Washington Township March 31, 1857.

Southworth Mather settled on Rocky Fork at an early day. He came from the East somewhere, and was a local Methodist preacher. Like many others, he was a squatter at first, but afterward purchased land. He removed to Paulding County.

John W. Basard, in 1837–38, located in the extreme eastern part of the township on Rush Creek. He hailed from Logan County, and devoted his time and attention for awhile to farming. He then opened a little grocery store on Rush Creek and sold a considerable amount of goods to his neighbors. Christopher Richards was one of the earliest occupants of the land on Rocky Fork.

David Cunningham changed his residence from near West Liberty, Logan County, to a home in the wilderness, about two miles north of Byhalia prior to 1840, but afterward sold out his worldly possessions here and went West. When last heard of he was still living.

In 1838, or earlier, Jacob Collins was living just north of what is now Byhalia, engaged in blacksmithing. He remained but a few years and removed farther west

Joshua Hatcher was an early farmer in the township. His farm was situated about two miles west from Byhalia. He came from Logan County, and after a residence of a few years in Washington Township he returned thither. His brother, Isaac Hatcher, was also an early settler.

James P. Scott was an early resident on Rush Creek. He moved here from Champaign County and afterward lived on Rocky Fork. He died in this township and his family moved West.

John Williams came from Logan County about 1838, and settled in the northwestern part of the township. His sojourn here was short. After returning to Logan County, he emigrated to the West. George McElfish was an early settler on Rush Creek. William Tomlinson lived for a short time in pioneer days in the eastern portion of the township.

James Bird was perhaps the first settler in the western part of the township. He came to it in June, 1839. He had purchased 400 acres in Survey 12,105 and had to cut a road to the place. His nearest neighbor, when he arrived, was Jeremiah Lingrel, who lived two and a half miles east, a short distance northwest from what is now Byhalia. Mr. Bird was born in New York, and while in that State served in the war of 1812 a short time. He removed to Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and thence to Logan County, where in addition to his farm labors he preached the Gospel to his neighbors and also practiced the "Thompsonian" system of medicine. But after his removal to Washington Township all his energies were given to the development of his farm. He brought with him five children—Gorum, William, Albert, James and Olive (Ennis). He was born June 8, 1798, and died March 24, 1882.

William Green, of Logan County, purchased land on Bokes Creek in the southwestern corner of the township, and his sons, George, Henry and John, cleared and afterward settled upon it, while the country around them was yet covered with one dense forest. After the Greens, Matthew Williams came from Logan County and settled in that vicinity. He died and was buried on the place.

David Irwin, in 1836 or soon after, came from Logan County and opened a blacksmith shop near the Titsworth place on the Essex and Rush Creek road. He also carried on farming to a limited extent. He afterward removed with his family to Missouri.

In 1840, the township was very sparsely settled. Land was then worth from $3 to $8 per acre. During the next twenty years, the township steadily increased in population and the land was gradually cleared and placed under cultivation. In 1855, Matthew Lingrell purchased his farm in and north of Byhalia for $7 per acre. He has recently refused $80 per acre for it. Within the last two or three years the land has increased greatly in value. Its average market value exceeds $50 per acre, while but a few years ago it was not valued at more than $30 or $35 on an average. The tax duplicates reveal the material increase of wealth, both of personal and real property in the township. In 1837, the year after the township was organized, the total taxable personal property consisted of twenty-seven horses and thirty-seven cattle, with a valuation of $1,376, and tax of $18.23. The real estate was returned 15,157 acres; valuation, $14,266; tax, $188.48. In 1840, there were 20,015 acres, valued at $20,015, and town lots at $223; personal property—thirty-two horses, $1,280, sixty-eight cattle, $544, moneys, $100, total valuation, $22,163; taxes, $332,45, of which $149,64 was delinquent. In 1850, the acreage was 16,768, valuation, $40,748; chattels, $6,951; total, $47,699; taxes, $855.90. In 1860, the acreage was 17,087, valuation, $146,971, tax, $1,660.78. In 1870, 17,280 acres, valuation, $287,681 tax, $10,400. In 1880, 17,819 acres, valuation, $319,591; buildings, $12,310; chattels, $83,268.

Washington Township has been distinctively rural in its character. Its people have pursued the even tenor of an agricultural life, and neither built up villages in their midst nor engaged in extensive industrial pursuits. There are or have been no grist mills within the limits of the township, except a tread horse mill owned by David Miller nearly forty years ago. It was a very rude and imperfect affair and only patronized to any considerable extent when very muddy roads or very dry weather rendered it impossible to get grists ground elsewhere. East Liberty, seventeen miles distant from Byhalia, was the principal milling point in early times. The timber has been cleared largely from the land since the introduction of portable saw mills and the early saw mill has had no place here. Timber was regarded as valueless by those who first occupied the township as permanent settlers. It was viewed only as an encumbrance to the cultivation of the soil to be annihilated in the easiest and most rapid manner possible. The usual way of first deadening the timber by cutting a ring around the tree through the bark and afterward felling, was in many cases deemed too slow an operation, and the timber was cut in the green. A number of the earlier settlers owned little asheries on their places and manufactured "black salts" from the ashes produced by the rapid clearing of their farms. The salts found a ready sale in Marysville and elsewhere, and from the money received from it they easily supplied themselves with the necessaries of life until their crops were harvested. Ed Blacock had an ashery on his place in the western part of the township—the E. O. Stevenson farm, southwestern corner of Survey 10,971. Elisha and James Wright, the Ellises and others in the northwestern portion of the township also possessed them.

ELECTIONS.

In 1836, when the township was organized, there are said to have been sixteen voters here—Benjamin Davis, Isaac Titsworth, George McElfish, Lemuel Titsworth, William Southard, Stephen Davis, William E. Curl, James Foster, Joseph Davis, Hiram Titsworth, Jonathan Haynes, John V. Streeter, John Dysert and Edward Southard. At gubernatorial election of that year, however, only eleven votes were cast, all for Joseph Vance. Since then the votes of Washington Township for Governor have been as follows: 1838, Joseph Vance, 12, Wilson Shannon, 5; 1840, Thomas Corwin, 22, Wilson Shannon, 3; 1842, Thomas Corwin, 12, Wilson Shannon, 5; 1844, Mordecai Bartley, 22, David Tod, 4; 1846, William Bebb, 26, David Tod, 3; 1848, Seabury Ford, 28, John B. Weller, 15, scallering, 1; 1850, William Johnson, 26, Reuben Wood, 12; 1851, Samuel F. Vinton, 28, Reuben Wood, 13, Samuel Lewis, 6; 1853, Nelson Barrere, 27, William Medill, 18, Samuel Lewis, 20; 1855, Salmon P. Chase, 42, William Medill, 16, Allen Trimble, 5; 1857, Salmon P. Chase, 47, H. P. Payne, 13, P. Van Trump, 2; 1859, William Dennison, 58, R. P. Ranney, 7; 1861, David Tod, 72, H. J. Jewett, 12; 1863, John Brough, 119, C. L. Vallandigham, 16, 1865, J. D. Cox, 93, George W. Morgan, 18; 1867, R. B. Hayes, 109, Allen G. Thurman, 30; 1869, R. B. Hayes, 122, George H. Pendleton, 22; 1871, E. F. Noyes, 124, George W. McCook, 18; 1873, E. F. Noyes, 132, William Allen, 29, Gideon T. Stewart, 3; 1875, R. B. Hayes, 160, William Allen, 45; 1877, William H. West, 133, R. M. Bishop, 52; 1879, Charles Foster, 195, Thomas Ewing, 56; 1881, Charles Foster, 193, John W. Bookwalter, 49, A. R. Ludlow, 1.

As will be seen, the township has been uniformly and heavily Whig and Republican in its political complexion since the organization of the township except in 1853. In 1840, at the Presidential election there were but three Democratic voters in the township, and they, preferring to cast their votes in a more congenial clime, voted in an adjoining township, the election laws then permitting a citizen of a county to vote for President at any precinct in the county.

The Justices of the Peace for Washington, with the dates of election, are as follows: Hiram Titsworth, 1836; Hiram Titsworth, 1842; Joshua B. Haynes, 1845; Nathan Hemin, 1848; Rees Miller, 1851; Nathan Heming, 1851; Hiram Titsworth, 1854, resigned in 1856; Nathan Heming, 1854; William Williams, 1856; Walter Allyn, 1857; Gorum Bird, 1857; Walter Allyn, 1860; William Ballinger, 1860; William Spack, 1862; William W. Ballinger, 1863; William Spack, 1865; John Rea, 1865; Matthew Lingrell, 1868; Milton Southard, 1868; Matthew Lingrell, 1871; Milton Southard, 1871; Gorum Bird, 1874; Matthew Lingrell, 1874; Aaron Coleman, 1877, resigned 1878; Matthew Lingrell, 1877; George Miller, 1878, resigned 1879; N. M. Baldwin, 1879; S. S. Sherwood, 1880; N. M. Baldwin, 1882.

The first election was held at the house of Stephen Davis and after his decease at the residence of his son, Ebenezer Davis. When the schoolhouse was erected just north of the Methodist Church above Byhalia, it became the voting place. In 1882, a neat township house was erected in Byhalia.

VILLAGES.

Byhalia, comprising probably a dozen houses and a few stores, is a busy little trading point and the only approach to a village in the township. It is situated in the southern part of the township at the crossing of the Marysville & Kenton and Rush Creek & Essex Gravel Roads, and is a growth of but two or three years. In the earlier days of the township, two attempts were made to establish a village, but each met with a signal failure.

Arbela was a village plat laid out by Marquis L. Osborne, July 25, 1838. It was situated in the eastern part of the township, north of and near Rush Creek, on Survey 13,427, the N. Burnside place. John W. Basard kept a grocery and followed gunsmithing, and Stacy Smith lived and taught school here for a short time, and this is the extent of the known human habitation of the place. The utmost endeavors of its founder failed to make it a metropolis or an emporium of trade. The plat consisted of forty-five lots, a public square and two streets—Main and Osborne. The lots were 4x12 poles in size; their courses, north 12° west and north 78° east. There are now two small country stores in the eastern part of the township.

In the spirit of a generous rivalry, it is said, Haynesville was laid out by Jonathan Haynes September 4, 1838, about one mile up Rush Creek from Arbela and on the southern banks of the stream. It was of more modest dimensions than its established rival, containing but twenty-one lots and a public square. This attempt at town-making proved more abortive than the other, for so far as known it remained in utter solitude. Its streets were Main and Rush Creek.

In striking contrast with these two unsuccessful efforts Byhalia has become the seat for a prosperous little town by the process of natural selection without any boosting from interested parties. It has never been laid out; its lots have been sold by metes and bounds by the owners of the land as fast as they were required. Rees Miller opened a little store about thirty years ago on the Jehu Gray farm, a short distance north of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On application, a post office was established at the store, with Mr. Miller as Postmaster, and named Byhalia. The store was maintained here for about twenty years and passed through the hands of quite a number of owners. Jehu Gray became Mr. Miller's partner after awhile, and they were succeeded by Nathan Moffat, William Davis, Walter Allyn, who left in 1861, Joshua B. Haynes, Robert Dodds, James Eaton, Moffat and Gray and P. Allen. The last mentioned closed business here about 1870. At the cross roads or what is now Byhalia, there stood at this time three farmhouses, belonging to and occupied by Matthew Lingrell, Orson Allen and Horace Pinney. William Moffat purchased a corner lot off the Pinney farm, built a store-room and there offered a general stock of goods for sale to the public. Except one year, when Logan & Coleman operated the store, Mr. Moffat has been in possession of the store ever since. When Mr. Moffat returned and took possession again about four years ago, Logan & Coleman erected a store building and opened the second store in the place. They sold general merchandise for three years, then in November, 1881, sold to G. J. & N. M. Baldwin, who are the present owners. In May, 1881, J. W. Mehaffey opened a drug store, and in March, 1882, Alfred Davis brought to the village a stock of hardware, notions and groceries; both these stores are still operated by their founders. Jefferson Severe erected a hotel a few years ago and was its first proprietor; he subsequently rented it to T. W. Tolman, then sold it to Marion Flickinger. G. J. Baldwin purchased from Mr. Flickinger in March, 1881, and about nine months later disposed of it to the present proprietor, Z. R. Thornton.

Dr. Hiram Myers was the first practicing physician at Byhalia. He opened an office about thirty years ago and practiced ten or twelve years. Dr. William Breese succeeded him, but remained only a short time. Dr. Gustavus Skidmore then became the physician of this vicinity, but several years later he removed to Essex and subsequently to Pharisburg. Dr. Emanuel Whittaker also practiced here for a time, then moved West. The two physicians now located here are Drs. B. A. Martin and George Martin; both have been here for a number of years and have won a good, established practice.

During the past year there have been more buildings erected than at any time previous. About fifteen families now reside here. There are two blacksmith shops. In 1879, the lines of the adjacent school districts were changed so as to give Byhalia a school, and it now has a substantial frame schoolhouse. G. J. Baldwin is the present Postmaster. The office was transmitted from one merchant to another at the store where it was first established until the seat of business shifted to the site of Byhalia, and it has since been held by William Moffat, Aaron Coleman and G. J. Baldwin successively.

CEMETERIES.

The township cemetery is situated on an elevated lot of ground on the Boyd Thornton farm, northwest from Byhalia. It was first used as a private burial ground and since about 1854 the earthly remains of most of Washington Township's deceased have reposed beneath its sod. The lot originally included a half acre, but recently another half acre has been added. The first graveyard in the township was on the Titsworth place, northeast of Byhalia, and many of the earliest settlers have been interred here. For about thirty years, however, it has ceased to subserve this sacred purpose, and a more neglected spot could scarcely now be found. Many of the remains have been removed to other cemeteries. It lies so close to the channel of Rocky Fork that the graves are in danger of being despoiled of their hallowed trusts by the treacherous current, and it is said that skeletons have already been washed away by its waters. Another small cemetery is situated in the eastern part of the township on the Nathan Burnside place. It has been in use for many years.

SCHOOLS.

On the Titsworth place a log schoolhouse was erected through the joint labors of the settlers in that vicinity at an early day. It was probably the first building of the kind in the township and stood near the old cemetery.

Joseph Carter was one of the first teachers. He taught one or two winters only. David Ellis taught several terms in the same school, and was considered an excellent teacher. For a number of years after, a subscription school was held on the Kenton & Marysville road, some distance north of Byhalia. Stacy Smith was also an early teacher here. The schools were held very irregularly before the establishment of the common district schools, and terms were usually of three months' duration. The first school in the western part of the township was held in a log house which stood on the Bird farm. Mary Johnson was the first teacher. She received only 75 cents per week and "boarded 'round." Margaret Johnson afterward taught at the same place. There are now eight school districts within the township, each of which is supplied with a good building, furnished with modern school furniture and appliances.

CHURCHES.

Davis Methodist Protestant Chapel is located on the Essex & Rush Creek road, in the eastern part of the township. The society was organized in 1848 with ten members—Jonathan Fields and wife, Ebenezer Davis and wife, Thomas Miller and wife, Jesse Weatherbee and wife and Jefferson Fields and wife—by the Rev. Cyrus Carter in a log schoolhouse which stood on Lemuel Titsworth's land. The services were held in this schoolhouse for ten or twelve years, when the neat frame church now used as the house of worship was constructed. Ebenezer Davis, Thomas Miller and John McPeck were the largest contributors in the enterprise. The first mentioned donated the lot upon which the house was erected. Rev. Oliver Stephens was the pastor in charge when it was built. The church has been prosperous and now contains fifty-seven members. Rev. James Adams has perhaps been the most successful pastor. During the revival services conducted by him, the membership of the church increased to considerably more than one hundred. This church has been a charge in the Richwood Circuit until about a year ago, when it and the Essex church engaged the services of Rev. Cadwallader, who has since administered to them. A Sabbath school is regularly maintained during pleasant weather.

A Methodist Episcopal society was organized about 1840, in a log schoolhouse built in the woods on Rocky Run, near where Southworth Mather then lived, afterward the Hiram Titsworth and now the William Haynes place. The membership was small, and most prominent among the little band were Hiram and Lemuel Titsworth, John Johnson and Southworth Mather. The latter two were local preachers. Services were continued in a log schoolhouse until a new schoolhouse was built on the newly opened Marysville & Kenton road, which stood near the site of present Methodist Church, north of Byhalia. Services were then held in the schoolhouse for a number of years. By the removal of members from the neighborhood, the society became very weak numerically and regular preaching was suspended.

About 1872, a class of the Methodist Episcopal Church, consisting of perhaps twelve members, was organized, with Allen Haines as class leader. The society prospered, and in 1876 erected a commodious and handsomely constructed edifice, 34x48 feet, north of Byhalia half a mile, and close to the schoolhouse, in which the meetings had previously been conducted. Its cost exceeded $2,000. It was dedicated by Rev. David Rutledge, then Presiding Elder of the district to which it was attached. The first steps looking to the erection of the church were taken during the pastorate of Rev. Solomon Linsley. His successors as pastors of this church have been Revs. William Shultz, William Dunlap, J. C. Clemmons, David Bowers and John W. Donnan. The last mentioned is now serving his second year. The Byhalia Church was originally included in the Mt. Victory Circuit, composed of four charges—Byhalia, Mt. Victory, Wilson Chapel and Reinhart Church. It is now an element in the York Center Circuit, which comprises four churches—McKendree at York Center, Byhalia, Summersville and Bethel. The present membership is about forty. A Sabbath school was organized subsequent to the erection of the church, and is now working in an active and successful manner. It contains ninety-five members, eight classes and is superintended by William Haines.

In the extreme northwestern corner of Washington Township is an organization of the Quakers or Friends, known as Rush Creek Church. Its membership is drawn from Hardin and Logan Counties as well as this township. The organization was effected soon after the close of the rebellion in a log schoolhouse. A few years later, through the efforts of Obediah Williams, Bennett Watkins, Isaac Penoc and other early members, a frame structure was erected, which has since served as their meeting house. At the organization of the society, the membership scarcely numbered half a dozen. It is now probably forty. Services are held every Sabbath. A Sabbath school has been maintained for many years.

In the southwestern portion of the township is a religious society of the Free-Will Baptist persuasion, which owns no house of worship, but meets in the Bird Schoolhouse. It was organized there about ten years ago by Elder George Baker, then of Marion County, Ohio. He and Elder K. F. Higgins have been the only two pastors in charge. The early membership was small, and included the names of Gorum Bird and wife Arsadilla, Albert Bird and wife Mary, William Peterson and wife Ellen, and Rachel and Mary Elliott. A Sabbath school has been supported until the present year, when, owing to the temporary suspension of regular services, the school, too, ceased active work.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

ISHMAEL ARMINTROUT, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Rockingham County, Va., December 25, 1823, and when twelve years of age, with his parents, Jacob and Fanny Armintrout, he went to Indiana, where they, however, remained but a short time. From thence they came to Montgomery County, Ohio, where they located two years, and for the year following lived in Madison County. They subsequently went to Franklin County, where they remained until their decease. Of a family of nine children, five are now living, viz.: Gideon, Martha, Clara, Ishmael and Jemima. On June 6, 1846, our subject was united in marriage in Franklin County to Miss L. S. Warner, who was born May 21, 1836, in Chenango County, N. Y. She is a daughter of Stephan and Hannah (deceased) Warner, now of Franklin County, Ohio. To them have been born ten children—Lucy M. (deceased), Henrietta F., Jacob S., Delilah J., Addison O., Martha, Albert J., Henry G., Isadora and Clara E. In the spring of 1869, with his family, he came to Washington Township, Union County, and for three years located near Byhalia; he then moved to the western portion of Washington Township, where he now resides. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the owner of 140 acres of land in a good state of cultivation.

JOSEPH C. BALDWIN, farmer, P. O. Mt. Victory, Hardin County, Ohio, was born in Stark County, Ohio, July 3, 1833; his parents were Roswell and Martha Baldwin, his father a native of Connecticut and his mother of Virginia. They settled in Stark County at an early day. When fifteen years of age, with his parents, he came to Logan County, where they remained until 1871, in which year they came to Washington Township, Union County. On September 24, 1857, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah S. Elliott, who was born November 29, 1833; she is a daughter of Samuel and Martha Elliott. To them have been born five children, three of whom are still living—Mary E., Martha M. and Charles R. In February, 1871, he came to Union County and settled in Washington Township, where he now resides. He has served as School Director and is a member and an Elder of the Friends Society. On September 24, 1882, their silver wedding was celebrated, when Mrs. Baldwin, who has been an invalid for eight years, became the recipient of many valuable presents. They have a large circle of friends and acquaintances, with whom they are quite popular. Mr. Baldwin is the owner of fifty-six and one-half acres of land.

NATHAN M. BALDWIN, junior member of the firm of G. J. Baldwin & Co., Byhalia, was born May 17, 1844, in Champaign County, Ohio. He is a son of Lewis C. Baldwin (deceased) and Ann Baldwin. When about ten years of age, with his parents, he came to York Township, Union County. He received a common-school education. On September 15, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Cahill, daughter of Clement Cahill (deceased) and Martha Cahill, of Washington Township. The fruits of this union are two children—William W. and Howard O. In connection with his mercantile tradé, he is at present also engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the owner of forty acres of land. In March, 1865, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Ninety-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Army of the Cumberland, and received an honorable discharge in September of the same year. He has served as Justice of the Peace in Washington Township.

Gould J. Baldwin, senior member, was born December 23, 1847, in Champaign County, Ohio. Like his brother, when a boy, he came to Union County with his parents. On July 21, 1870, he married Miss Louisa O. Southard, daughter of Ely B. and Jane Southard. They have one child—Otway. For twelve years, he has been engaged in the mercantile business. As a firm, they are courteous and obliging to their patrons, and always aim to give satisfaction. They deal in dry goods and general merchandise, such as is usually kept in a country store.

G. BIRD, farmer, P. O. Mt. Victory, Hardin County, Ohio, was born in New York State October 21, 1817. When two years of age, with his parents, James and Mary Bird, he came to Cuyahoga County, Ohio, where they remained until he was perhaps twelve years of age. They then came to Logan County, where they located until the spring of 1839, when they came to Washington Township, Union County. They endured the usual hardships and self-denials which are incident to pioneer life. Of a family of six children, three are now living, viz., Gorum, William and Albert. In May, 1849, our subject was united in marriage to Arcadilla Scott, daughter of James and Margaret Scott, early settlers of Champaign County ; she is a distant relative of the late Gen. Winfield Scott. This union has been blessed with six children—Sarah M., Caroline, Emeline, Dellie, Darwin S. and John W. (deceased). He has served as Justice of the Peace of Washington Township for six years, and as Trustee several years. He is a member of the Baptist Church and the owner of 145 acres of land.

ELI BOLEN, blacksmith, Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Adams County, Ohio, October 17, 1847; he is a son of Alexander Bolen and Lydia Bolen, the former at present residing at Bellefontaine, Logan County. When five years of age, with his parents, he came to Union County. On April 17, 1870, in Hardin County, he was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda McCall, daughter of Thomas and Judith McCall, of Hardin County. To them have been born two children—Ivery L., born February 11, 1874, and Coral W., born March 30, 1871, died May 10, 1879. In 1870, Mr. Bolen engaged in blacksmithing in Logan County, and continued the same several years. In April, 1879, he located at Byhalia, this county. He does general blacksmithing, and being a first-class workman, gives entire satisfaction to his patrons. He has been abundantly successful in business, owing principally to his industry and good management. He and wife are both members of the M. E. Church.

NATHAN BURNSIDE. farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Logan County, Ohio, December 4, 1817. His parents were Alexander and Elizabeth Burnside, who came from Virginia, and settled in Logan County at an early day. He has seen and endured much of pioneer life. On April 2, 1840, in Logan County, he married Miss Sarah McGee, daughter of William and Jane McGee (now deceased), of Logan County. To them have been born eight children, six of whom are still living, viz.: Alexander W., William M., Samuel G., Lewis C., Mary J. and Elizabeth E. In 1843, he came to Union County, and for eighteen months located in Washington Township, on a tract of land where he now resides. He subsequently spent a short time in Iowa, Indiana and Logan County, Ohio, but in 1847 or 1848 returned to Washington Township. He has served as School Director, and is a member of the Baptist Church. As an agriculturist, he has met with good success, being a man of industrious and economical habits. He is the owner of 143 acres of land.

ENOS CAHILL, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, March 17, 1829. He is a son of William and Rebecca Cahill. On August 1, 1849, in Tuscarawas County, he married Miss Isabel Martin, who was born September 3, 1827; she is a daughter of James and Jane Martin, now deceased. By this union there has been an issue of ten children—Rebecca J., Alexander, Mary M., William J., Susannah, Martha, Joseph H., Alpheretta, John E. and one died in infancy. In the autumn of 1863, with his family, he came to Union County, and settled in Washington Township, at Byhalia, where he now resides. As an agriculturist, he has been successful, owing to his industry and good management. In March, 1865, he enlisted in the Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Army of the Cumberland, and continued in the service until the following October. He has served as Assessor and Trustee of Washington Township, and is the owner of ninety-four acres of land in a good state of cultivation.

ALFRED DAVIS, hardware merchant, Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born October 20, 1836, in Union County, Ohio ; he is a son of Ebenezer Davis (deceased) and Mary Davis, early settlers of Union County. In August, 1861, he enlisted in the Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Army of the Cumberland, and continued in the service until September of the following year. On March 8, 1863, he was united in marriage to Miss Melvina L. Pinney, daughter of Horace and Christena (deceased) Pinney. They have two children—Minnie and Elbert. Prior to his engaging in the hardware and grocery business, he engaged in farming, with the exception of one year spent in the mercantile business at Ridgeway, Hardin County. In March, 1882, he located in Byhalia. He is a gentleman of a pleasant disposition, and accommodating to his patrons. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. society, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

VALENTINE DEAR, farmer, P. O. Mount Victory, Hardin County, was born in Baden, Germany, in April, 1823. His parents were Jacob and Frances Dear. He was reared to man's estate on a farm, and in his youth received but a meager education. In October, 1844, he was united in matrimony to Miss Margaret Rostetter. By this union there has been an issue of nine children, of whom eight are now living, viz.: Jonas, Theresa, Bertha, Felix, Sarah, Anne, Mary and Peter. In 1866, with his family, he emigrated to America, came to Union County, and settled in Washington Township. He is industrious, and the owner of 105 acres of land.

JONATHAN C. FIELDS, farmer, P. O. Richwood, was born in Logan County, Ohio, October 26, 1818. His parents were Robert and Susan Fields, early settlers of Logan County. Of a family of eight children seven are yet living, viz.: Jonathan C., Jefferson C., Andrew J., Robert, Barbara, Lucinda and Charlotte. Our subject was in his youth trained to the pursuits of farming, and received the rudiments of education in a district school. On February 18, 1841, he was united in matrimony with Miss Elizabeth J. Atha, daughter of Thomas and Abigail Atha, of whom we have made mention in another portion of this work. To them have been born ten children, viz.: Mary A., Susannah, Melissa J., Easrum, Jasper N., James R., Emma O., Levi C., Thomas J. and Sarah E., the latter two of whom are deceased. In March, 1850, Mr. Fields settled in the eastern portion of Washington Township, this county, on the farm at present occupied by him. He owns 108 acres of land, and is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church.

JEHU GRAY, farmer, P. O. Byhalia, was born March 11, 1827, in Champaign County, Ohio. His parents were John and Ellen Gray, natives of Virginia, and early settlers of Champaign County. Of his father's family of six children two are now living—Jehu and Louisa. In his youth, Jehu received a fair English education, by means of which he was enabled for several years to teach school. On June 25, 1849, in Champaign County, he married Lydia Miller, daughter of John and Margaret Miller, of Champaign County. By her he had three children—John L., Aaron E. and Emma, the latter two of whom are deceased. Mrs. Gray died January 16, 1866, and on March 21, 1867, he married Miss Johanna Stalder, daughter of Casper and Mary Stalder, of York Township, this county. To them have been born one child—Howard E. In the spring of 1852, Mr. Gray came to Union County, and settled in Washington Township. For nine years he has served as a Commissioner of Union County, and for many years as Clerk of Washinton Township. He discharged the duties of said offices faithfully and creditably. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and F. & A. M. societies, and the owner of 343 acres of land.

HENRY H. GREEN (deceased) was born May 21, 1814. He was reared to man's estate on a farm, and received a common school education, and for perhaps twelve years taught school. For his first wife he married Sarah Ellis, by whom he had one child (deceased). He was again married, on November 4, 1851, to Miss Lydia F. Lukens, an estimable lady and daughter of Jesse and Beulah Lukens, of Logan County, Ohio. By this union there was an issue of seven children, six of whom are now living—John L., Henry S., Ellis, William B., Sylvia A. and Angeline. About the year 1850, he settled in Washington Township, this county, where his widow now resides. He served as Trustee of Washington Township, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a kind and loving father and an indulgent husband, and departed this life January 28, 1870. He left to his widow 161 acres of land.

JAMES D. HAINES, farmer, P. O. Byhalia, was born April 2, 1832, in Champaign County, Ohio; his parents were Allan and Sarah Haines, natives of Virginia, and among the first settlers of Champaign County. His father was a soldier of the war of 1812 with Great Britain. Of a large family of children, four are now living—James D., Jonathan, Harvey M. and Hope. In December, 1860, our subject married Keziah Stamats, daughter of John Stamats, of York Township, this county, and by her had one child—Cyrus N. She died in 1863, and in 1865 he married Rhoda Speck, by whom he had two children—Aggie M. and Aaron C. (deceased). She died in 1875. For his third wife, he married, in March, 1877, Elizabeth Martin, widow of the late Luther Martin, of Union County, and daughter of Casper and Mary Stalder, of York Township, this county. By her he has one child—Sylvia J. In the spring of 1859, he came to Union County and settled in Washington Township. He has served as Treasurer of Washington Township one year. He is the owner of 308 acres of land, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM M. HAINES, farmer and pike contractor, P. O. Byhalia, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, February 20, 1841, and is a son of Jonathan Haines and Mary Haines (deceased) his father now residing at Byhalia, this county. When three years of age, with his parents, he, came to Union County, and in his youth received a fair English education. On June 4, 1864, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret J. McPeck, who was born July 27, 1844, in Harrison County, Ohio. She is a daughter of William H. and Elizabeth McPeck, of York Township, this county, whose biography appears in this work. They have two children, viz.: George M., born June 24, 1870, and Mary E., born May 23, 1872. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the First Battalion Ohio Sharp-Shooters, Army of the Cumberland. On November 8, 1864, he was taken prisoner at Kingston, Ga., by the confederates, and was subsequently confined in nine different Southern prisons. At the close of the war he was exchanged, and was honorably discharged from the service July 12, 1865. In connection with his farming, Mr. Haines is also engaged in building pike roads by contract. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for eight years has been a local minister. He is at present filling the office of Trustee of Washington Township. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, and the owner of 128 acres of land.

CALEB F. HAINES, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born February 20, 1845, in Union County, Ohio. He is a son of Joshua B. Haines (deceased) and Mary Haines, of this county. About the year 1840, his parents came to Union County and settled in Washington Township, where his father died August 17, 1882. They were the parents of seven children—Caleb F., Margaret, Lydia J., Fannie L., Rebecca, James H. and Sarah A., the latter five of whom are deceased. On January 6, 1867, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Margaret D. Miller, who was born November 28, 1849; she was a daughter of Thomas and Delilah Miller, whose biography appears in this work. To them have been born four children, viz.: Aaron L., born April 19, 1869; Milton B., born September 24, 1872; George F., born March 22, 1878, and Josephine, born June 5, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Haines are both members of the M. P. Church. In March, 1865, he enlisted in the Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and continued in the service until the following October. He is a member of the F. & A. M. society, and the owner of about 160 acres of land.

JOHN HARRIMAN, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born May 21, 1827, in Harrison County, Ohio. His parents were Simpkin and Sarah Harriman. When about sixteen years of age, with them he came to Washington Township, this county. From his youth up he has been engaged in farming. On August 28, 1852, he was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Thornton, who was born in 1834; she was a daughter of Jesse and Nancy Thornton, early settlers of Union County. To them have been born five children, viz.: Caleb F., born November 15, 1853; Rebecca J., born May 12, 1855; Mary M., born September 11, 1862; Hannah M., born December 12, 1868, and Harvey A., born January 31, 1874. As an agriculturist, Mr. Harriman has been successful, having comparatively little with which to start in life. He is at present serving as Trustee of Washington Township, and for twenty years has been engaged in auctioneering. He is the owner of ninety-five acres of land, and is recognized as one of the thrifty agriculturists of Washington Township.

GEORGE HARRIMAN, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Harrison County, Ohio, July 19, 1837. His parents were Simpkin and Sarah Harriman. When six years old, with his parents, he came to Washington Township, Union County, where his parents settled. Of a family of twelve children, nine are now living, viz.: Amos, John, Ezra, Ellen, Martha, Joshua, George, Rebecca and Ruth. In April, 1861, he enlisted in the Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Army of the Cumberland, and participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Resaca, Murfreesboro, Kenesaw Mountain, siege of Atlanta, Goldsboro, Kingston, N. C., and numerous other engagements. He was honorably discharged in July, 1865. On July 4, 1868, he married Miss Mary C. Moffitt, who was born in April, 1846, in Champaign County, Ohio; she is a daughter of Nathan Moffitt (deceased), and Lucy A. Moffitt. To them have been born five children—Flavilla, James S., Donna M., Frankie J. and William H. (deceased). Mr. Harriman is a member of the I. O. O. F. society, and of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the owner of seventy acres of land. He has served as Assessor of Washington Township.

ROBERT HICKS, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in England December 26, 1825. When twelve years of age, with his parents, Thomas and Catherine Hicks, he emigrated to America, and came to Knox County, Ohio, where they remained until their decease. Our subject was reared to manhood on a farm, and received but a limited education. On September 27, 1853, in Knox County, he married Miss Eunice Thompson, who was born January 22, 1834, she was a daughter of Asa and Anne Thompson, of Knox County. By her he had nine children—Mary L., George H., Maria L., Salona E., Anna C., Ida J., John, Hattie B. and Bertha C. She departed this life February 17, 1879, loved and honored by all who knew her. In the fall of 1864, with his family, Mr. Hicks came to Washington Township, this county, and settled where he now resides. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and the owner of ninety-eight acres of land.

MATTHEW LINGREL, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Logan County, Ohio, November 25, 1825, and is a son of Jeremiah Langrel (deceased) and Eleanor Lingrel; his father was a native of Virginia, and his mother of Pennsylvania. In 1837, with them he came to Washington Township, this county. On March 21, 1850, in Marion County, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Essex, a daughter of James and Ellen Essex, of Marion County; to them have been born eight children, of whom five are yet living, viz.: Louis

M., Alice, John H., Newton H. and Reed. For twelve years, he has served as Justice of the Peace in Washington Township; he has also served as Clerk and Trustee of the township. Mr. Lingrel is one of the self-made men of whom Union County may well be proud, for, according to his own statements, he commenced life with but comparatively little, and he is at present the owner of a fine farm of 370 acres. He is a member of the I. O. O. F Lodge, and resides at his home in Byhalia.

WILLIAM MACOUBREY, farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch was born in Ireland March 2, 1825, and is a son of William and Mary A. Macoubrey. He married in Ireland Miss Jane Mulligan, daughter of James and Esther Mulligan. To them have been born three children—Mary A., born December 29, 1846; George A., born January 4, 1852; and William J., deceased. In 1857, with his family he emigrated to America, and by the way of New York came to Union County, Ohio. After living in several different parts of Union County, he finally, in the fall of 1873, settled in the southeastern portion of Washington Township. He is a man of industrious and economical habits, which have secured for him success. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and the owner of fifty acres of land.

JAMES W. MAHAFFEY, druggist, Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Union County, Ohio, January 15, 1853. His parents were James and Matilda (deceased) Mahaffey, of Liberty Township, this county. He received a good English education. In the spring of 1879, he entered into the drug business at Newton, this county, where he remained until May, 1881, in which year he moved to Byhalia. He has established a good trade and is meeting with success. On December 25, 1875, he married Miss Allena Haines, daughter of Harvey M. and Elmira (deceased) Haines, of Union County. This union has been blessed with two children—Wilbur and Maud. He is a member of the F. & A. M. society.

BRAYTON A. MARTIN, physician, Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Conneticut February 5, 1836. His parents were Hosea and Beulah Martin. When a youth, he learned the trade of a carpenter and followed the same for several years. In 1863, he came to Union County, York Township, and for a time made his home with his aunt, Mary M. Martin, widow of the late Enos Martin. During the latter portion of 1866, and the beginning of 1867, for five months he attended the Starling Medical College at Columbus, and he again attended it in 1868 and 1869, and graduated in March of the latter year. In July, 1869, he located at Byhalia and began the practice of his profession, where he remained until 1873. He then spent two years in Connecticut. In 1875, he went to Schuyler County, Ill., where he located until 1880, in which year he returned to Byhalia. On December 22, 1873, he married Margaret Wilson, by whom he had one child—Mary Luella. Dr. Martin has been Treasurer of Washington Township; is a member of the F. & A. M. society, and a physician of merit.

JOHN McPECK, farmer, P. O. Byhalia, an aged and venerable citizen of Washington Township, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., May 11, 1814. His parents were John and Sarah McPeck. In his youth, he learned the trade of stone-cutting and brick-laying, and followed the same for more than twenty years. In 1836, he came to Harrison County, Ohio, where, on August 3, 1843, he was united in marriage to Miss Susannah McAfee, who was born March 3, 1824, in Pennsylvania. She is a daughter of James and Mary McAfee, with whom, when three years old, she came to Harrison County. To Mr. and Mrs. McPeck have been born seven children—James B., Orville D., Daniel, Mary T., Sarah M., William D. and Amanda M., the latter two of whom are deceased. In 1852, he came to Union County and settled in Washington Township. Like other early setlers, Mr. McPeck has endured hardships and self-denial. The tract of land on which he settled had perhaps three acres partly cleared; but by his industry and pluck he succeeded in clearing it and to-day we behold it transformed into a good farm of eighty-three acres. He has served as Trustee of Washington Township, and is an ardent member of the Methodist Protestant Church.

GEORGE M. McPECK, farmer, P. O. Richwood. The subject of this sketch was born in Harrison County, Ohio, July 19, 1842, and is a son of William H. and Elizabeth McPeck, whose biography appears in this history. When a youth, with his parents, he came to Union County. He received a fair English education and for a short time taught school. In December, 1861, he enlisted in the Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was attached to the army of West Virginia. He participated in the battles of Cross Keys, Cedar Mountain and the second battle of Bull's Run, where he received a wound in the thigh. His regiment was then transferred to the Potomac and took an active part in the field of Gettysburg. He was subsequently transferred to the Army of the Cumberland, Twentieth Corps, and was engaged at Mission Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Resaca, Dallas, Peach Tree Creek, Averysboro, Bentonville and numerous others. In July, 1865, he was honorably discharged from the service. On May 15, 1877, he married Miss Rachel E. Rowe, daughter of David Rowe (deceased) and Catherine Rowe, of Illinois. To them have been born two children, viz.: Winnifred, born October 10, 1878, and Margaret (deceased). He is a member of the F. & A. M. society, and of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the owner of 187 acres of land.

THOMAS MILLER, farmer, P. O. Byhalia, an aged pioneer of Washington Township, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, December 17, 1812. His parents were John and Margaret Miller, who emigrated from Virginia to Fayette County, Ohio, in 1804, and remained there a short time, when they moved to Champaign County, where they remained until their decease. They were the parents of twelve children, six of whom are now living, viz.: Joshua, Elizabeth, Margaret, Thomas, Rees and David. On March 2, 1837, in Champaign County, our subject married Miss Delila Wade, who was born November 11, 1819, in Champaign County, Ohio; she is a daughter of Garland and Rebecca Wade, natives of Virginia, who settled in Champaign County about the year 1813. By this union there has been an issue of eleven children—Jeremiah, Daniel M., Ellis W., Jehu W., Margaret D., Elizabeth J., Mary E., Mattie L., John J. F., Thomas F. and David E.; the latter two of whom are deceased. Three of his sons—Jeremiah, David and Daniel were participants in the late war of the rebellion. In the spring of 1846, he came to Union County, and settled in the eastern portion of Washington Township, where he now resides. He has served as Treasurer of Washington Township twenty-five years; is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, and the owner of a fine farm.

GEORGE MILLER, physician, Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Shelby County, Ohio, January 12, 1848, and is a son of William Miller, deceased, and Lucinda Miller. He was reared in Shelby County, and received a fair English education. During the latter portion of 1869, and the beginning of 1870, for five months, he attended the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, and again attended it in 1872 and 1873, and graduated in March of the latter year. In the fall of 1875, he located at Byhalia, this county. He enjoys a good practice and is meeting with marked success. On July 1, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Lavina Tallman, who was born October 30, 1847, in Union County; she is a daughter of Thomas W. and Mary Tallman, of Washington Township. They have one son, viz., George O., born March 18, 1881. Among his patients, Dr. Miller is quite popular, being an affable and agreeable gentleman. He is a member of the F. & A. M. society.

ROBERT MOODY (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born in Ireland in 1832. His parents were James and Margaret Moody. He was reared on a farm and received but a rudimentary education. In June, 1853, he married Miss Jane Stewart, who was born in March, 1830, in Ireland, and was a daughter of Samuel and Jane Stewart. By this union there has been an issue of four children—Mary J., born February 20, 1855; Robert, born September 18, 1858; William D., born February 16, 1861, and George S., born March 15, 1863. In 1861, with his family, he emigrated to America, and came to Union County, Ohio. For several years he lived in York Township, when he came and settled in the southern portion of Washington Township. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and respected in society. To his family he was a devoted father and husband. On December 7, 1864, he fell at Murfreesboro, Tenn., while defending the flag of our Union in the late rebellion. His widow and fatherless children feel their irretrievable loss, but we trust their loss will be his gain. He left to his widow sixty-four acres of land. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

JESSE MOORE (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born in Perry County, Ohio, October 27, 1817. His parents were George and Rachel Moore, natives of Pennsylvania, who settled in Perry County at an early day. On February 23, 1842, he was united to Miss Jemima Rockhold, who was born July 11, 1825, in Maryland; she is a daughter of William and Ann Rockhold, who came to Muskingum County, Ohio, about the year 1833, where they located several years. Her father having died in Muskingum County, with her mother, she subsequently went to Perry County. In the spring of 1865, with his family, from Perry County our subject came to Union County, and located near Marysville one year. In 1866, he moved to Washington Township, and settled where the widow now resides. He was the father of fourteen children—William W., Elizabeth E., Mary A., Susan M., James A., Jonathan A., Jacob H., Ruth L., Jesse F., Alpheus A., Ann J., Matilda H., George W. and Elisha J., the latter two of whom are deceased. To his family he was a devoted husband and father. He departed this life May 7, 1868, respected by all who knew him. He left to his widow, who mourns her irretrievable loss, 100 acres of land.

AARON RICHARDSON, farmer, P. O. Mount Victory, Hardin Co., Ohio, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, May 18, 1819. His parents were Barnet and Elizabeth Richardson, both natives of Virginia. Of a family of twelve children, eight are now living, viz.: Clark, Maria L., Washington G., Joshua, Mary, Elizabeth, Jane and Aaron. From his youth up, our subject has devoted his attention to agriculture, with the exception of ten or twelve years spent at carpenter work. On December 26, 1844, in Marion County, he married Maria T. Topliff, daughter of Horatio and Sarah Topliff, of Mansfield, Conn. By her he has one child, viz., Jasper N. Mrs. Richardson died May 23, 1849, and on December 21, 1856, he was married to Clarinda H. Young, who was born in Logan County, Ohio, in February, 1831; she was daughter of Eli and Nancy Young. To them have been born seven children—Maria T., James C., Benton R., Granville M., Wheeler A., Harriet E. and George W. (deceased). In 1857, he settled in Washington Township, this county. He has seen considerable of pioneer life, and endured many hardships. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are both members of church; they have a fine farm of 113 acres, on which are erected good and substantial buildings, making a pleasant home.

BENJAMIN ROGERS, farmer and tile manufacturer, P. O. Byhalia, was born in Licking County, Ohio, November 5, 1836. His parents were Michael W. and Mary Rogers. From his youth up he has been engaged in farming. In November, 1859, he was united in marriage to Miss Lucy A. Gamble, who was born in Union County, April 21, 1843; she is a daughter of Robert and Annis (deceased) Gamble. This union has been blessed with nine children, viz.: Clara A., Dora E., James R. W., George M., Elenora, Aaron O., Delpha O., Frank B. and Rosa, the latter two of whom are deceased. In the fall of 1863, he came from Licking to Union County, and located in Dover Township, until the fall of 1872, when he settled in Washington Township. Besides his farming, he is quite extensively engaged in the manufacture of tile for draining purposes. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. society, and the owner of ninety-six acres of land.

SOLOMON SCHERTZER, farmer, P. O. Larue, Marion Co., Ohio, was born in Franklin County, Penn., September 19, 1824. When four years old, with his parents, Emanuel and Eve Schertzer, he came to Stark County, Ohio, where they located seven years. They subsequently came to Ross, Franklin and Union Counties, and finally located in Hardin County, where they remained until their decease, he in 1844, and she in 1864. Of a family of eleven children, five are now living. On April 12, 1845, in Union County, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Thornton, daughter of Jesse and Nancy Thornton, who were early settlers of Union County. By this union there has been an issue of eleven children, ten of whom are still living, viz.: Jesse, Sarah J., Lorenzo, Peter, Melissa, Emanuel, Nancy, William, James and Lillie. In 1862, he came from Hardin County and settled in the northern portion of Washington Township, where he now resides. He has been successful in business. He is a member of the church, and the owner of 109 acres of land.

SAMUEL SHERWOOD, farmer, P. O. Byhalia, was born in Madison County, Ohio, November 29, 1834, and is a son of Andrew and Irena Sherwood, of Darby Township, Madison County. He has, from his youth up, devoted his attention to farming, and received but a limited education. On March 6, 1856, in Madison County, he married Miss Hester A. Converse, who was born May 5, 1838, in Union County. She was a daughter of Edwin and Louisa Converse. To them have been born six children—Abigail M., Owen E., Elbert E., Esta F., Alfred P. and Louisa L., the latter two of whom are deceased. In the fall of 1863, Mr. Sherwood settled in Washington Township, this county. In the management of his farm, he has everything done in the most orderly and advantageous manner, which has secured for him success. He has served as Treasurer of Washington Township four years, and as Township Trustee and Clerk, and at present officiates as Justice of the Peace. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, and the owner of 218 acres of land.

JOSEPH SCHMALZ, farmer, P. O. Mount Victory, Hardin Co., Ohio, was born in December, 1823, in Alsace, France (now Germany). His parents were Jacob and Elizabeth Schmalz. From his youth up he has devoted his attention to farming. In November, 1853, he was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Dear, daughter of Jacob and Frances Dear; she was born in March, 1830. By her he has six children, viz.: Christian, Elizabeth C., Mary M., Josephine G., Lucy L. and Caroline. In 1853, he emigrated to America, and by way of New York came to Ohio. In the autumn of 1863, he settled in the northern portion of Washington Township, Union County, where he now resides. He is industrious and enterprising, and the owner of 138 acres of land.

SOLOMON SIMPSON (deceased). The subject of this sketch was born December 30, 1802, on the Potomac River, in Virginia, and when a mere child, with his parents, Isaac and Susannah Simpson, he came to Licking County, Ohio. In Licking County, he married Eleanor Carlisle. She is a daughter of David and Susanna Carlisle. In August, 1848, with his family, he came to Union County, and settled in Washington Township, on a tract of land at present occupied by his widow. He was the father of thirteen children, of whom nine are now living, viz.: Elizabeth G., Stephen D., William, Deborah, Louisa, Samuel, Daniel, Emily and Sylvester. Mr. Simpson remained on the land settled by him until his decease, in May, 1866. He was a loving husband and indulgent father, and respected by all who knew him, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His widow, a venerable and aged lady, still resides on the homestead, and is the owner of fifty acres of land.

HARRISON S. STAMATS, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Union County, Ohio, May 20, 1833. He is a son of John Stamats, a pioneer of York Township, this county, whose biography appears in this work. He was reared to man's estate on a farm, and received but a rudimentary education. In 1859, he married Miss Mary Robbins, daughter of Ira A. and Mary Robbins, of Union County, and by her he had one child—Mary, (now deceased). Mrs. Stamats died September 4, 1861, and on January 19, 1862, he was again married, to Miss Hope Haines, a daughter of Allen and Sarah Haines, early settlers of Champaign County. They have four children—Claudia M., Allie E., Atty F. and Frankie. A short time subsequent to his marriage, he settled in Washington Township, where he now resides. Mr. Stamats is a member of the F. & A. M. society, and for twelve years has been Assessor of Washington Township. He has been successful in business, and is the owner of 112 acres of land.

JOHN H. TEMPLE, farmer, P. O. Byhalia, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, July 1, 1839. His parents are Edward and Peggy Temple, his father being a native of Pennsylvania, and his mother of Virginia; they came to Guernsey County at an early day. He was reared to man's estate on a farm, and received but an ordinary English education. On June 10, 1859, in Guernsey County, he married Maria Morrison, who was born June 1, 1839; she is a daughter of Joseph and Theda A. Morrison. To them have born ten children—Margaret, Joseph M., Sarah (deceased), Theda A., Martha, Mary E., John (deceased), Ida D., Harry E. and Frank. In 1864, he came to Franklin County, and located two years, then spent two years in Madison County, and in March, 1868, he came to Union County, and settled in Washington Township, where he still resides. He has served as School Director, and is the owner of forty-two and one-half acres of land.

DAVID L. TUSSING, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. The subject of this sketch was born in Madison County, Ohio, October 5, 1836. He is a son of Henry and Mary Tussing. From his youth up, he had devoted his attention to farming, and received the rudiments of an English education in a district school. On October 18, 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Wright, daughter of Leven Wright (deceased) and Letitia Wright, whose sketch appears in the history. They have two children, viz., Frank Z. and Clara A. In 1867, he located on the Wright farm in York Township, this county, where he remained until January, 1881, when he came to Washington Township. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and the owner of seventy-one acres of land.

WILLIAM WELLWOOD, farmer, P. O. Mount Victory, Hardin Co., Ohio, was born July 3, 1840, in Kings County, Ireland. His parents were John Wellwood (deceased) and Catherine Wellwood. When twelve years of age, he emigrated to America, landing at New York, where, for the following six years, he drove an express delivery wagon for a publishing house. In 1858, he came to Plain City, this county, where he was employed about six years. On November 19, 1866, in Seneca County, he married Miss Catherine Vetter, who was born October 10, 1842, in Seneca County; she is a daughter of Adam and Eve (deceased) Vetter. To them have been born five children, viz.: Joseph W., Florence U., William E., Harry C. and John (deceased). In October, 1869, he settled in Washington Township, Union County, where he now resides. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, and the owner of 135 acres of land in a high state of cultivation.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, farmer, P. O. Byhalia. William Williams, Sr., father of the subject of this sketch, was born September 10, 1819, in Franklin County, Ohio. He married Miss Nancy Thomson, by whom he had three children, two of whom are now living, viz., William and Lydia. In 1852, he came from Marion to Union County, and located in Washington Township, on the farm at present occupied by our subject, until 1859, in which year he moved to Franklin County, where he died March 12, 1877. His wife died October 29, 1869. William Williams, the subject of this sketch, was born September 4, 1850, in Marion County, Ohio. After receiving a rudimentary education, he attended for eighteen months the university at Athens, and when sixteen years of age he entered Delaware University, which institution he attended two years. On March 27, 1879, he married Miss Carrie E. Evans, who was born November 26, 1859; she was a daughter of John and Ivy Evans, of Franklin County, Ohio. They have one child, viz., Jennie D., born November 2, 1879. In April, 1879, Mr. Williams returned and took possession of the homestead formerly owned by his father. He is a member of the F. & A. M. society, and is the owner of 200 acres of tillable land.

HENRY WILLIAMS, farmer, P. O. West Mansfield, Logan Co., Ohio, was born April 9, 1820, in Logan County, Ohio. His parents were Obadiah and Susan Williams, natives of Virginia, who settled, in Logan County, at an early day. Of a family of eleven children eight survive, viz.: Obadiah, Henry, Jeffrey, Lorena, Cecilia, Rachel, Mary A. and Nancy. In July, 1844, our subject married, in Logan County, Miss Minerva Green, daughter of George R. and Ruth Green, of Logan County. To them were born seven children—Isaac M., Madison, George, Obediah, Eudora, Ruth A. and Elizabeth, the latter two of whom are now deceased. For more than a quarter of a century, with his companion, he enjoyed married life, when, on February 18, 1870, she quietly passed away, and left behind her a wealth of love and affection. In 1845, Mr. Williams came from Logan County and settled in Washington Township, this county, where he now resides. He is a self-made man, and has seen a great deal of pioneer life. He owns a farm of 151 acres.

DANIEL T. WILLIAMS, farmer, P. O. Mount Victory, Hardin Co., Ohio, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, April 4, 1838. His parents are Asa Williams, a native of North Carolina, and Elizabeth Williams, a native of Ohio. In his youth he was trained to the pursuits of farming, in which he is still engaged. On January 5, 1865, he married Miss Mary Starrick, daughter of William and Keturah Starrick, of Logan County, Ohio. This union has been blessed with three children, viz.: Omar E., born February 11, 1868; William E., born December 10, 1871, and Ralston B., born December 13, 1872. After his marriage, Mr. Williams located in Logan County until September, 1870, at which time he came to Washington Township, Union County, where he now resides. He is a member of the Society of Friends, and has served as a School Director. He has been successful in business, and is the owner of fifty-one and three-fourths acres of land in the western portion of the township.

SAMUEL WRIGHT, farmer, P. O. Mount Victory, Hardin Co., Ohio, was born in New York State November 18, 1813. When a mere child, with his parents, Elisha and Rachel

Wright, he was brought to Athens County, Ohio, where in April, 1839, he married Miss Deborah Wheeler, daughter of Ezeriah and Rachel Wheeler. By this union there has been an issue of nine children, viz.: Maria A., Mary E., Lucinda H., Samuel L., Edmund E., Joseph N., Jane, Jeannette and Lucy A. In 1848, he came with his family to Union County, and settled on a tract of land in the northern portion of Washington Township, where he still resides. Mr. Wright has seen considerable of pioneer life, and endured much hard work. He is the owner of 100 acres of land, and a member of the United Brethren Church.

JAMES WRIGHT, farmer, P. O. Byhalia, was born in Union County, Ohio, April 5, 1842, and a son of Leven Wright (deceased) and Letitia Wright, of whom we have made mention in this work. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Army of the Cumberland, and participated in the battles of Shiloh and Stone River, at the latter battle receiving a wound in the thigh. After remaining in the hospital for some time, he was discharged in May, 1863. In January, 1864, he veteranized in the Eighty-second Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry, and subsequently participated in the battles of Cotton Mountain, Lost Mountain and Dallas, where he received a wound in May, 1864, in the left hand, and was again obliged to go to the hospital for a short time, after which he again joined his regiment and continued in the service until the close of the war. He received an honorable discharge in June, 1865. He was united in marriage to Miss Annis Mead, who was born December 23, 1845, in Logan County, Ohio; she is a daughter of Potter and Mary Mead, formerly of Logan County. They have one child, viz.: Leven M., born May 23, 1868. In October, 1865, Mr. Wright settled in the southern portion of Washington Township, where he now resides. He has been prosperous as a farmer, is a member of the Baptist Church, and the owner of fifty acres of land.

CHAPTER XIV.

TAYLOR TOWNSHIP.

THIS township occupies a central position in Union County, and was the last constituted township in the county; the greater portion of the territory now comprised within the boundaries of said township was formerly embraced in Liberty and Leesburg Townships. Although the territory embraced in this township was not settled until several years after some of its neighbor townships, and only a little more than three decades have elapsed since its organization, yet it stands as a formidable rival of its neighbors in its progress, schools, churches, improvements and wealth. The first settlers here had some advantages over those of the earlier settled portions of the county, in that they had much nearer markets, and a nearer base of supplies. The settlers were industrious and enterprising, and the township has made rapid progress.

In the Commissioners' record we find the following: "December 5, 1849, Commissioners' met; present, a full board. Resumed the consideration of R. L. Judy's petition for a new township, and agreed unanimously to erect a new township to include the following described territory: Beginning at the northeast corner of Survey No. 5,646, thence running its east line and the east lines of 3,691, 5,386, 14,632, the north and east lines of 5,507 to the southeast corner of 5,507 (being in the north line of Paris Township); thence westward on the south lines of 5,507, 14,632, 42,664, 5,249 (part of said distance being the north line of Paris Township) to the southeast corner of 5,229; thence northward with its west line to the south line of 4,265; thence westward with its south line to its southeast corner; thence northward with its west line to its northwest corner; thence eastward with its north line to the southeast corner of Green's lot of sixty acres, being in a public road, until its intersection with the Bellefontaine & Delaware road; thence eastward with said road until the southeast corner of John R. Burrows' land; thence northward with Burrows' east line to his northeast corner; thence westward with his north line to his northwest corner; thence northward to the southwest corner of Survey No. 5,635, being in the York Township line; thence northward with the west line of 5,635 to its northwest corner; thence eastward with its north line and the north line of 15,015 to the west line of Survey No. 3,690; thence with its west and north lines and the west and north lines of 5,646 to the beginning, including all the surveys mentioned and territory included within said boundaries; provided, also, that the roads mentioned as being traversed by said line be considered as belonging to Liberty Township. The new township to be called Taylor."

Although this township was later settled and so recently erected, the lands were surveyed about as early as other portions of the county. The surveys are as follows: Surveyed, September 14, 1799, for Flavery Frazer, representative of William Frazer, deceased, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 3,690; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, September 11, 1799, for Flavery Frazer, representative of William Flavery, deceased, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 3,691; Lucas Sullivant, D. S. Surveyed, July 5, 1802, for John Holmes, assignee, 1,333⅓ acres, Survey No. 4,264; Joseph Kerr, D. S. Surveyed, July 5, 1802, for John Holmes, assignee, 1,333⅓ acres, Survey No. 4,265; Joseph Kerr, D. S. Surveyed, November 7, 1803, for Benjamin Grimes, 1,333⅓ acres, Survey No. 4,405; Joseph Kerr, D. S. Surveyed, November 20, 1807, for Nathan Reid, assignee, 400 acres, Survey No. 5,247; James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed, April 20, 1808, for Thomas Boyer, 1,000 acres, Survey No. 829; Duncan McArthur, D. S. Surveyed, November 16, 1808, for Robert Means, assignee, 990 acres, Survey No. 5,386; Duncan McArthur, D. S. Surveyed, November 8, 1807, for Baylor Hill, 390 acres, Survey No. 5,507; James Galloway, Jr., D. S. Surveyed, November 9, 1811, for James Gilmore, 1,200 acres, Survey No. 5.635; Duncan McArthur, D. S. Surveyed, November 16, 1809, for Robert Means, assignee, 1,866⅔ acres, Survey Nos. 5,629 and 5,493; Duncan McArthur, D. S. Surveyed, April 20, 1808, for Thomas Worthington, assignee, 750 acres, Survey No. 5,626; Duncan McArthur, D. S. Surveyed, November 17, 1809, for Robert Means, assignee, 1,828⅔ acres, Surveys No. 5,778, 5,641, 5,806 and 6,495; D. McArthur, D. S. Surveyed, April 10, 1809, for Thomas Worthington, assignee, 250 acres, Survey No. 6,156; Duncan McArthur, D. S. Surveyed, October 30, 1834, for Cadwallader Wallace, 100 acres, Survey No. 13,593; Cadwallader Wallace, D. S. Surveyed, November 5, 1841, for James Taylor, Jr., assignee, 530 acres, Survey No. 14,632; E. P. Kendrick, D. S. Surveyed for James Galloway, 50 acres, Survey No. 15,015.

SURFACE, SOIL, STREAMS, ETC.

The surface is level and undulating, with very little hilly or waste land in the township. The general inclination of the lands of the township is to the east and southeast, as is indicated by the course of the streams. The principal streams are Bokes Creek, which enters this township from York and flows eastward through the northern portion into Leesburg. Blues Creek rises in the western part of Taylor Township and flows eastward. Mill Creek courses through the southeast corner of the township, entering from Liberty, and passing out into Paris. Along this stream and in the southeast portion of the township, were located the first settlers. The soil is deep, rich and productive; along the creek bottoms and the low, flat portions, it is a black loam, and the balance a strong clay soil. It is considered one of the best townships in the quality of land in the county. In the eastern central portion of the township, east of the Asbury Methodist Church, was a locality formerly known as "The Cotton Slash," so named, it is said, from the quantities of cottonwood trees which grew there. East of that and near the center of the township is a locality formerly known as the "Beaver Pond, or Swamp," as it was inhabited by great numbers of those animals who built a substantial and perfect dam across a flat strip of land so that in the winter time they could have a good pond of water and the beautiful dam to burrow in. Some portions of the dam are still there as perfect and symmetrical as though made by human hands. The principal productions of the soil are corn, wheat, oats and grass. As the lands are becoming ditched and drained, so they increase in productiveness and value, and with the natural quality of these soils to resist the effects of drought, they are capable of making the best of lands for agricultural purposes.

PIONEERS.

Such we will call them, and such they were in truth and verity, although in reference to the years of their settling here, as compared with the dates of the settling of other townships, it would be of but recent date; yet their labors and surroundings were those of the pioneers, and took the same muscle and nerve, the same self-denial, passing through the same trials and dangers, as those of other sections at earlier dates. From the fact that nearly all the first settlers have passed away from earth, and their descendants mostly removed to other parts of the country, and the lands are now occupied by another class of more recent settlement, we have found great difficulty in gaining as extended, or as definite information as we desired; but such as the facilities that are left for us could produce, we have obtained, and here present them.

We think we are safe in placing as one of the first settlers, if not the first, the name of Adam Shirk, a native of Virginia, born in Hardy County October 22, 1791; was a soldier in the war of 1812; he married Anna Dox, and first emigrated to Fairfield County, Ohio; in 1822, removed to Union County, Ohio, and settled in Liberty Township; in 1829, he removed into Taylor Township on land now owned by his son, Aaron, and here remained through life. His wife, Anna, died April 25, 1859. Subsequently, he married Charity Mann. He died July 29, 1876. Mr. Shirk, throughout his long and useful life, was recognized as one of the most perfect and upright men of his day. Honest and just in all his dealings, kind and generous to the poor, and ever ready with his means and influence to aid every good cause, he died honored and respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was the father of the following children: Stephen, who married Mary Brake, and is one of the most honored citizens of Liberty Township (see his biographical sketch in this work); Daniel, married Sarah Brake; John, married the Widow Safford; Henry Aaron, married Elizabeth Baughan; and two daughters, Rachel and Hannah.

Robert Maskill was an early settler, locating here about 1831–32. Richard Judy settled about the same date, and probably came from Kentucky or Virginia; he was one of the Judges at the first election held in the township, and was the first Assessor, serving two years. James Irwin, from Ross County, settled about 1832–33. He was the township's first Treasurer and served three terms in succession. Although having little education, yet he was a man of principle and character, a worthy citizen, and possessed the confidence of his community. He died May 19, 1858, aged seventy-six years.

John McNeal, from Ross County, settled in 1832–33. John McAllister settled here in 1833–34. Hugh McAdow, probably a native of Maryland, settled about 1833–34. James Siebold, in 1835. Samuel Wheeler came from Knox County, about 1836–37, and settled on what was known as the "cotton slash." He was the second Assessor of Taylor Township. Thomas Scott settled about 1838–39. Samuel P. G. Brown, a native of the State of New York, settled in 1837–38. Jacob Wigle, in 1838–39. In 1839–40, came Robert Wigle, Archibald Wigle, John Wigle and Benjamin Welch; also George Laughrey and Oliver Simpson. In 1841–42, David D. Welch became a settler, also John Simpson. In 1843–44, came Richard Dildine, George Draper, John Overfield and James Welch.

Robert C. Greene, a native of Vermont, married Ruth Draper, and in the fall of 1837, removed to Ohio; in the spring of 1838, he located in Taylor Township, on Mill Creek, near James Hamilton; in 1840, they located on land now owned by Mrs. Sanaft, on the west border of Taylor Township, where they resided till death. Mr. Greene was twice married; his first wife died January 16, 1859. He married for his second wife Mrs. Mary Fink, who died February 26, 1865, aged sixty-three years; Mr. Greene died July 28, 1864, aged sixty-nine years. Mrs. Sallie Greene, the mother of Robert C. Greene, lived to the remarkable age of ninety-eight years, and during the last forty-three years of her life had been totally blind. Mr. Robert C. Greene was the father of the following children: Elizabeth, wife of Isaiah Sanaft; Ira, married Elizabeth Shirk; she died and he married Phebe Heath; she died and he married for his third wife Elizabeth ——, of Indiana, and now resides in Starke County, Ind.; Ruth, deceased; John C., married Amanda King; Gideon, died young; Robert B., married Eliza Johnson; she died, and he married Mary Roberts, and now resides in Kansas; Henry E., deceased; Sarah, married Thomas Yearsley; and Nancy A., married T. Lewis Temple, and resides in Kansas.

Gideon Draper, a native of Vermont, married Ruth Harris, of same State, and at an advanced age, in 1838, came with his family to Ohio and settled in Taylor Township, where he died the next year, November 26, 1839, aged seventy-eight years. His wife had died many years before in their native State.

James Draper, also a native of Vermont, settled in this township in 1838. He married Joanna Draper in his native State. He died October 28, 1860, aged seventy years; his wife died March 3, 1861, aged sixty years.

Ira Draper, son of Gideon Draper, married Betsey Nurse, and was a resident of this township till his death, May 14, 1859, aged seventy-two years.

James Hamilton, a native of Ross County, Ohio, married Maria Blue, a native of Virginia, and in 1835 removed to Ohio and settled on Mill Creek, on the place where his son still resides. He was among the earliest settlers, and resided here till his death, September 18, 1872, aged eighty-one years. His wife still survives and resides with her son on the old home place, aged eighty-three years. When they located here they moved into a rough log cabin, and had no land cleared but a small piece upon which the trees were deadened by girdling; now they have a fine cultivated farm, a good residence and all the comforts of life. Their children were John, who married Catharine Coder, she died and he married Lucy Griffin; Elizabeth married George Coder; Catharine married Daniel Burnham; Alexander married Delia Morse, and now resides in Illinois; James married Elizabeth Graham, and resides on the home place; David died in childhood; two infants died unnamed; Samuel never married, and died at twenty-four years of age; one infant; Silas married Christina Turner, is deceased; and Joanna died in childhood. Mr. Hamilton was a soldier in the war of 1812.

John McAdow, a native of Maryland, removed to Pennsylvania when a boy, where he grew to manhood and married Rebecca McElhaney. Emigrating to Ohio, he lived several years in Tuscarawas and Licking Counties; in 1840, he removed with his family to Union County and settled on land now owned by Rogers and Thompson, remaining a resident of this township till his death, March 11, 1877, aged seventy-four years; his wife died November 12, 1869, aged sixty-nine years. Their children were James, married Mary Wheeler, and now a resident of Iowa; Jane resides in Pike County, Ohio; Rebecca married John Wheeler, and resides in Iowa; John C. married Hannah Dildine, and resides in Ottawa, Ohio; Hugh married Elizabeth Wolf; two children died young; William married Miss Elizabeth Clark, and Edna married John Irwin, and now reside in Hardin County, Ohio.

John Wheeler, son of Samuel Wheeler before mentioned, married Rebecca McAdow, and was Township Clerk from 1850 to 1854, inclusive; was a prominent citizen of the township for several years, but subsequently removed to Iowa, where he now resides.

Joseph and Cornelius Sprague became settlers here about 1848–49. James D. Sprague came about one year later. James Turner settled on Mill Creek, near James Hamilton, about 1844–45.

Isaiah Sanaft, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, became a resident of Union County in the fall of 1837, locating and residing in Union Township about seven years, and in the fall of 1844 located on the place where he now lives and has since resided. He married Elizabeth Greene, daughter of Robert C. Greene, before mentioned. Mr. Sanaft's fine farm has been entirely improved by himself, the site being in the forest depths when he first located upon it. They have had the following children: Irena, who married William P. Hisey; Sarepta, deceased; Marilla and Delphina, deceased; and Isaac Walter, who married Sarah Lucretia Dixon. Mr. Sanaft knows from experience what are the hardships of pioneer life, and what it is to start in life poor, depending entirely upon his muscle and brains to make a livelihood. One of his first efforts was chopping cord-wood. He made a contract to cut fifty cords of wood at twenty cents per cord, but finding that the best trees had been culled out before he received the job, he finally obtained twenty-five cents per cord. Mr. Sanaft was a champion wood chopper, finding few, if any, who could cut and cord up more in a day than he. December 24, 1847, he chopped and corded up five and one-fourth cords. He also cut and split rails for thirty-one cents per hundred. In the harvest of 1839, he reaped, bound and shocked five dozen sheaves of wheat between sunrise and sunset.

Philip Miller settled near Mill Creek about 1846, and was one of the first Trustees of Taylor Township.

In the fall of 1849, two brothers, Truxton and Lorey Ford, natives of Muskingum County, Ohio, came to Union County with their families and settled on Bokes Creek, on lands where they still reside. The township was not then erected, but was organized in the December following. They were the first settlers in the northern portion of the township. Truxton Ford married Roanna Brummidge, of Perry County, Ohio; she died September 10, 1859, aged fifty-six years. He married, for his second wife, Martha Maskill. He is now seventy-eight years of age, robust and healthy. He is the father of the following children: Rebecca, Sylvester, Amanda, Henry, William and Minerva. Lorey Ford married Hester Ann Miller, of Perry County; she died June 24, 1875. Their children were as follows: Philarna, Clarissa, Minerva, Mary Elizabeth, Franklin, Matilda Jane, Lorey C., Chauncy W., died in infancy; John Sylvester, died at twelve years old; and Hiram J. Mr. Ford cast his vote at the first election after the erection of the township. Mr. Ford has served as Trustee of the township for fourteen years.

Z. C. Pooler, who came from Licking County, Ohio, settled in this township about 1848–50. He organized the first Sunday school, it is believed, in Taylor Township, at the old Scott log schoolhouse. He was one of the leading men of the township, taking an active part in obtaining its organization, and in promoting its prosperity by all public improvements and in all enterprises which tended to the general public good. He filled all the most prominent offices of the township, serving as a Justice of the Peace nine years. He died May 21, 1881, aged seventy-one years.

Benjamin Pierce came from Clark County, Ohio, and settled on land now owned by William Jolliff, about 1846–47, and is still a resident of the county, but at present located near Mount Victory. He married Mary Maskill, who is now deceased. By her he had the following children: Martha; Sarah, deceased; Wheelock, also deceased; Charlotte; and one son who died in the army.

Joseph C. Hull, a native of Maryland, settled first in West Virginia, and in the fall of 1849 came to Union County and settled on the tract of land where he still resides. He married Jane Fulton, by whom he has had the following children: Frances Anna, Thomas, Rosalind, Florence, and one infant, deceased. Mr. Hull's father, John C. Hull, also came to this county with his son, and died here. Mr. Hull is a very active and enterprising man, and takes pride in ornamenting his home with flowers and shrubbery, and has everything comfortable and beautiful around his home.

Henry Crist was born in Sullivan County, N. Y.; he settled in Taylor Township, Union County, in 1848, but left his native State in 1836, settling in Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1836, where he resided about twelve years. He married Miriam Hollister, of New York. He resided on his farm in Taylor Township twenty-eight years, and about 1876 removed to Marysville, where he now resides. The above mentioned names embrace the larger portion of the earlier settlers of this township. Below we give additional names of persons who settled prior to 1850, and before its erection as Taylor Township, to wit: B. Burgess, Amos Beard, Samuel Cousin, Joseph Carter, Lemuel Carter, Edward Gray, C. Goodrich, William Graham, Hezekiah Hodges, Joseph W. Hisey, Henry Hisey, Thomas E. Lockwood, Stephen McLean, William McMonegal, John Parker, Benjamin Pearl, Sylvanus Smith, Simon Shirk, Joseph Simpson, Daniel Shirk, Tellatiah Safford, Daniel Sanders, Jesse Taylor, John Turner, William Taylor, Corbin Wigle, Thomas Wigle, Charles Wilson, John A. Welch and Oliver H. P. Ward.

MILLS.

About 1854–55, Thomas and James Yearsley built a steam saw-mill, just west of the village of Broadway, which was the first mill in Taylor Township. The above parties continued to run this mill most of the time until it went out of use, about 1868. This mill did an extensive business, sawing nearly all the lumber for the first frame houses of this neighborhood and vicinity. At one time they had attached a "corn-cracker," which did considerable business for a few years. About 1857–58, Messrs. Brown & Shaw erected a steam saw-mill, located about five miles south of Broadway, on the Marysville pike, which continued in operation till about 1867, when it was burned down and was never rebuilt.

In 1867–68, Messrs. Goff & Ray erected a steam saw-mill one mile east of Broadway, on the Marysville pike, near the railroad, which is still in operation; it is a good mill, and they are doing a prosperous business. In 1881, Messrs. Morris & Albaugh erected a grist and saw mill combined, on the east bank of Blues Creek, near the east boundary line of Taylor Township. This is called a No. 1 mill, and is doing a good business.

SCHOOLS.

Taylor Township, at a regularly called meeting of the Trustees, on March 4, 1850, was divided into road and school districts. It now (1882) consists of eleven subdistricts, with an enumeration of scholars as follows:

Subdistrict No. 1, males, 19; females, 12; total 31. Subdistrict No. 2, males, 37; females, 35; total, 72. Subdistrict No. 3, males, 32; females, 13; total, 45. Subdistrict No. 4, males, 16; females. 15; total, 31. Subdistrict No. 5, males, 25; females, 28; total, 53. Subdistrict No. 6, males, 14; females, 13; total, 27. Subdistrict No. 7, males, 13; females, 4; total 17. Subdistrict No. 8, males, 19; females, 8; total, 27. Subdistrict No. 9, males, 21; females, 12; total, 33. Subdistrict No. 10, males, 61; females, 51; total, 112. Subdistrict No. 11, males, 31; females, 18; total, 49. Total males, 288; females, 209; grand total, 497.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Balance on hand September 1, 1881	$1,489 33
State tax	405 75
Irreducible school funds	53 70
Township tax for school and schoolhouse purposes	1,026 33
Amount received August 26, 1882	1,288 19
Total receipts	$4,263 30

EXPENDITURES.

Whole amount paid teachers in common schools	$2,399 17
Amount paid for fuel and other contingent expenses	760 41
Total expenditures	$3,159 58

Balance on hand September 1, 1882	$1,103 72
Number of subdistricts	11
Number of schoolhouses	11
Total value of school property	$8,800 00
Number of teachers to supply schools	12
Average wages of teachers, males	$28 00
Average wages of teachers, females	20 00

The following persons constitute the present Board of Education: Subdistrict No. 1, W. H. Ford; No. 2, J. McDonald; No. 3, S. McAdow, No. 4, S. B. Scott; No. 5, S. R. Griffin; No. 6, J. M. Hamilton; No. 7, J. A. Welch; No. 8, J. B. Warner; No. 9, J. C. Hull (President of Board); No. 10, I. F. Gates; No. 11, C. E. Morris; with P. J. Wyeth, Clerk.

CHURCHES.

Christian Union Church, on Mill Creek, was organized about 1839–40, at a meeting held in the grove near Peoria, with eight members, to wit: James Hamilton and wife Maria, Jesse Judy and wife Althea, Nathaniel Stewart, Theodore Greene and John Judy and wife. Meetings continued to be held in private houses and in schoolhouses till about 1857–58, when they erected the present frame church edifice, which was probably dedicated in 1859, Elder Josiah Knight preaching the dedicatory sermon. The following have served as pastors of the church: Elders Caleb Morse, Sr., Erastus Powers, Daniel Long, Daniel Griffin, C. T. Emmons, William Webb, Andrew Hanger, C. A. Williams and E. W. Humphreys, who is the present pastor in charge. The Deacons have been as follows: Jesse Judy, Nathaniel Stewart, James Hamilton, Samuel Judy, Isaiah Sanaft and John Hamilton, the last two being the present incumbents. Present membership of the church is about one hundred and thirty. A Sabbath school was established at an early day in the schoolhouse, where it continued to be held till after the erection of the church, since which time it has been held at the church regularly through the summer seasons. The school is in a prosperous condition, with an average attendance of about forty.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—About one mile east of Broadway, in 1854, was organized a class consisting of the following persons: P. Safford, Thomas E. Lockwood and wife, Julia A.; Hiram Danforth and wife, Matilda; Mrs. Hannah Temple, Z. C. Pooler, and perhaps a few others. They were supplied with preaching for a few years by Rev. Johnson, Rev. Webster, and Rev. Southard; thence they had regular pastors as follows: Revs. Good, Lawrence, Mounts, DeLiel, Mathers, Bethards, Schultz, DeKalb, Powell, Carter, Jaggers and Parlette. The church became diminished in numbers by death and removals, and was so enfeebled that after the services of Rev. Parlette, the organization was abandoned and the few remaining members united with other churches.

Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church.—About 1843, a class was organized at the schoolhouse by Rev. David Davis, and some of its members were as follows: Mrs. Rebecca McAdow, John McNeal and wife Elizabeth, Peter Little and his wife. They had preaching occasionally for several years in the old schoolhouse, but the society was weak and few in number, and finally ceased as an organization. In the meantime, some ministers of the United Brethren Church commenced to hold meetings here, awakened quite a religious interest, and soon organized a church, which at one time had quite a large membership, but they never erected any church edifice, and finally dwindled away and became nearly extinct as an organization. In the winter of 1865–66, Rev. Thomas Mathews held a series of meetings in the schoolhouse and a large revival resulted; the organization of a Methodist class was again effected, and the society grew and increased till it numbered about 100. In the summer of 1866, the present frame church building was erected, and duly dedicated November 25, of the same year, by Rev. Mr. Walters, of Delaware, Ohio. Since that time, there has been preaching regularly every two weeks. The church remained prosperous and flourishing for several years, but for some time past it has been diminishing in numbers, by deaths, removals and other causes, until at the present time it is in a weak condition. The principal preachers who have administered to this people have been Revs. Thomas Mathews, Dwight Cook, Mr. Ray, Christian Wolf, Benjamin Powell, Joseph Bethards, J. Schultz, John Kalk, Mr. Carter, Taylor Jaggers and Rev. John Parlette. The Class Leaders have been John McNeal, James Whitcraft, Jesse Vanatta, Jacob Nash, and a few others. A Sabbath school was organized soon after the church, which has been continued through the summer seasons to the present time, and is in a flourishing condition.

Baptist Church (*Colored*).—About 1859–60, the colored people organized a church about one mile west of the Asbury Church. They erected a hewed-log house, and at one time probably had fifty to sixty members. Soon after the war of the rebellion began, some enlisted in the army and many were killed; others moved away, and the organization ceased. The church property was sold and the money deposited in the bank at Marysville, anticipating at some future time to erect a church at that place.

Free-Will Baptist Church of Broadway.—About 1866, by a subscription by the people of Broadway and vicinity, money was raised and the present church edifice erected, at a cost of about $2,200. In this house, services were regularly held once a month by the minister of the Newton Church, for two or three years, as there were several members of that church residing in this vicinity. In 1869, a society was organized here consisting of the following persons: William Jenkins, Sewell G. Hartshorn, Lucretia S. Ball, Mary S. Robins, H. P. Goff, Harriet Hartshorn, Henry Fulton, Adaline D. Goff, John A. Welch, Lockey Garrett, John B. Hisey, Sarah Jenkins, Mathias Pheasant, M. A. Cranston, Sopronia R. Yearsley, John Yarrington, Albert T. Hitt, Nancy A. Pheasant, William Hinton, Ruth M. Hisey, John Predmore, Sarah Hartshorn, William McDermott, Minerva Ford, Edward F. Welch, Jane Predmore, Ira Welch, Sylvia Disbennett, William Cartmell, Lydia Welch, Caroline Yarrington, William H. Goff, Sylvia J. Goff, Climenia E. Yonkin, Martha Safford, Lois B. Welch, Sarah Yearsley, Cordelia Garrett and Elmira Garrett, with B. F. Zell, pastor, and Sewell Hartshorn, as Deacon. October 9, 1870, the church was dedicated by Rev. S. D. Bates, of Marion, Ohio. Mr. Zell, as minister, was succeeded by Rev. A. H. Whitaker, who served the church three years. There are now more than one hundred enrolled on the church record, with H. P. Goff as Deacon. At present they are without a pastor. A Union Sabbath School was organized several years prior to the building of the church, and was held in the schoolhouse. After the erection of the church edifice, the Sunday school convened in it, and continues in a flourishing condition. It is said to be the largest Sunday school in the county. Its enrollment last year was 250, with an average attendance of 160, with P. Cranston, Esq., as Superintendent.

CEMETERIES.

Union Christian Church Cemetery.—This was probably the first burial place within Taylor Township. The ground was donated for the purpose by James Hamilton, Harrison Shaw and John Turner, about 1836–37, and it received the body of an infant child of James Hamilton as its first occupant. After, or about the time the church was built and dedicated, this cemetery, which embraces about one acre of ground, was deeded to the trustees of the church, and by them is kept fenced and in repair.

Asbury Church Cemetery.—This piece of ground was donated by Richard Dildine, about 1855, as a burial place for the church and the neighborhood. Prior to this, all the dead from this neighborhood were taken to Marysville and interred. This is now in care of the Township Trustees. There are two cemeteries on Bokes Creek. One is located near the east line of the township, on the south bank of said creek, and in it are buried a large number of the early settlers of this neighborhood. It is located on the land of James Maskill, but has not been used as a burial place for several years. The other is located about one and a half miles farther up the same creek; in it there have been but few interred.

Broadway Cemetery, which is located just east of the village of Broadway, consists of one acre of ground, which was deeded to the Township Trustees, by P. Cranston, Esq., in 1874; Mr. Cranston also deeded one-half of an acre to be used as a road leading to said cemetery. The cemetery is laid off into lots, and two drive-ways pass through it. This is now becoming the principal burial place for the village and vicinity.

ROADS AND PIKES.

Upon this subject it is necessary to say but little, as the description of the roads of one township of Union County is, to a great extent, descriptive of them in every other. They are all good gravel roads; that is to say, all the principal ones. In fact, many of the cross and connecting roads are also becoming graveled roads. Taylor Township has beautiful pikes, the Marysville & Broadway pike being especially straight and beautiful. The township has one railroad passing through it in a northeast and southwest course—the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad—with station and shipping point at Broadway. This road was completed and the first train sent over it in the spring of 1864.

VILLAGES.

There is but one town in the township of Taylor—Broadway; yet the records show that there was a town laid out prior to the platting of Broadway, as follows: On November 9, and on December 17 and 18, 1863, was surveyed and laid off into streets and alleys a certain tract of land in Survey No. 829, for H. P. Goff, Hiram Danforth, Ira A. Robbins and Charles J. Sayre, for a town to be known as Union Centre, situated in Taylor Township, Union County, Ohio; I. B. Fay, Surveyor. The same was duly platted and recorded December 21, 1863; James Smith, Recorder. But it seems that there was never much building done, and we did not learn of any business, mercantile or otherwise, gaining any foothold in the town. Soon after, about one mile west of the locality of Union Centre, was laid out the town of Broadway, which, by the records, is as follows: "I hereby certify that on the 15th and 16th days of August, 1865, I surveyed for L. C. Pooler and Leonard Richey certain lands into lots, streets and alleys, as described and platted on the records at Marysville, to be known by the name of Broadway, in the County of Union and State of Ohio. A. S. Mowry, Deputy Surveyor, Union County, Ohio." The above was duly certified to, and the streets and alleys dedicated to public use, on the 23d day of August, 1865, by the said parties, and the same duly acknowledged by them before Peleg Cranston, a Justice of the Peace, and recorded September 1, 1865, by James Smith, Recorder, Union County, Ohio. On the 30th and 31st days of August, 1865, was surveyed and laid off into lots, streets and alleys, for Peleg Cranston, Esq., certain lands as described on the records at Marysville, to be known as Cranston's Addition to Broadway, Union County, State of Ohio. A. S. Mowry, Surveyor. The same was certified to, and the streets and alleys dedicated to public use, on the 11th day of September, 1865, by said Cranston and his wife, and duly acknowledged on the same day and date, before T. L. Wiswell, a Justice of the Peace; recorded September 12, 1865, by James Smith, Recorder, Union County, Ohio.

On the 23d and 24th days of November, 1865, was surveyed for Thomas Yearsley and Z. C. Pooler, certain lands as described upon the records at Marysville, to be known by the name and style of the Western Addition to Broadway, Union County, Ohio; A. S. Mowry, Deputy Surveyor, Union County, Ohio. This was certified to and the streets and alleys duly dedicated to public use by said parties January 16, 1866, and acknowledged on the same day and date before Peleg Cranston, a Justice of the Peace, and the same was recorded March 12, 1866, by James Smith, Recorder, Union County, Ohio. June 19 and 27, 1867, were surveyed into lots, streets and alleys, for Peleg Cranston and Samuel Straley, certain lands as described on the records at Marysville, under the name of the Eastern Addition to Broadway, Union County, State of Ohio, and the same certified to, and the streets and alleys dedicated to public use, August 6, 1867, by the said parties, and duly acknowledged on same day and date, before T. E. Bowen, a Justice of the Peace. August 7, 1875, were surveyed and laid off into lots, streets and alleys, certain lands, as described on the records at Marysville, to be known as Cranston's Second Addition to Broadway, Union County, Ohio, by Andrew S. Mowry, County Surveyor; and the same certified to, and the streets and alleys dedicated to public use August 20, 1875, by the said Cranston and wife, and duly acknowledged the same day and date before Zelotes C. Pooler, a Justice of the Peace, and recorded August 23, 1875, by Hiram Roney, Recorder.

Prior to the laying-out of the town of Broadway, Peleg Cranston, Esq., erected a frame house south of the railroad, and in December, 1864, opened a store with a general assortment of goods; the next summer the town was laid out, so that Mr. Cranston became its first merchant. The first blacksmith was John Bault. In 1867, Mr. Cranston and others, through petition, obtained the establishment of a post office, with Peleg Cranston, Esq., Postmaster. The first post office in this township was established in 1853–54, known as Taylor Center; it was located on the Kenton & Marysville pike, on the place now owned by A. Dever, with Z. C. Pooler as Postmaster, who held the office till 1862–63, when he resigned and H. P. Goff was appointed Postmaster. But after the building of the railroad, and the establishment of a mail route over it, the old mail route through this township was abandoned, and the post office was established at Broadway as above mentioned. Peley Cranston, Esq., as Postmaster, was succeeded by Wellington Armstrong; and the office has been successfuly occupied by the following: S. A. Dennis, Z. C. Pooler, Wellington Armstrong (second time), and Mrs. C. E. Yonkin, who is the present incumbent.

The first physician was Dr. Henry Vigor; and the following have been the successive physicians, viz.: Dr. Stephen Burkham, Dr. Shaw, Dr. Jeremiah Randall, Dr. Skidmore, Dr. Crumley, Dr. W. L. Pinkerton, Dr. S. S. Drake, Dr. J. B. Taylor and Dr. H. P. Winters.

A spoke and hub factory was erected on the north side of the railroad, by S. A. Dennis & Brother, where they carried on an active and extensive business till about 1880, when they removed their machinery to Upper Sandusky, where they are now doing a prosperous business.

This town now contains a population of nearly 500 inhabitants, embracing the following business firms: Three general stores, by Peleg Cranston, Esq., J. J. Watts and Seth Gates; one drug store, by C. D. Watts; two groceries and restaurants, C. W. Smith and J. P. Robins; one grocery and feed store, by T. A. Redding; two millinery stores, by Mrs. S. A. Tunks and Mrs. V. A. Hunt; two blacksmiths, John Bault and A. B. Pugsley; one harness shop, by John Crofford; two boot and shoe makers, N. C. Welch and A. Leonhard; two hotels, by John Morris and Saul Gleason; one livery stable, by Lewis Bruard; two butchers, Messrs. Wilson and Higby; one grain warehouse and elevator, by Rogers & Thompson. The railroad was completed and ran its first train March 31, 1864, and has a fine depot building here, one of the best along the route. There is one church, Free Will Baptist, and one two-story frame schoolhouse with two rooms. Broadway is a pleasant town.

ELECTIONS AND OFFICIALS.

The first elections were held at the old log schoolhouse, known as the Scott Schoolhouse. April 1, 1850, a regular election was held according to law to elect members to a general convention called for the purpose of amending the constitution of the State of Ohio, which resulted in this township making choice of Otway Curry and Cornelius S. Hamilton for representing the District of Marion, Union, Logan and Hardin Counties. The various officials of the township since its erection have been as follows:

Trustees—1850, Philip Miller, Truxton Ford and James McAdow; 1851, William Sayers, Joseph Maskill and ; 1852, Joseph Maskill, Zelotes C. Pooler and John W. Thompson; 1853, John W. Thompson, Z. C. Pooler and Lorey Ford; 1854, John W. Thompson, Lorey Ford and James Irwin; 1855, James Irwin, Lorey Ford and J. J. Welch; 1856, James Irwin, Joseph Evans and Lorey Ford; 1857–59, Lorey Ford, Joseph Evans and David Sheneman; 1860–62, Lorey Ford, Joseph Evans and William Laughrey; 1863–64, Lorey Ford, Joseph Evans and Henry Crist; 1866–67, Lorey Ford, Henry Crist and Luther Turner; 1868–69, J. A. Welch, J. C. McAdow and William Elliott; 1870, Z. C. Pooler, Newton Case and M. C. Thompson; 1871–72, N. Case, M. L. Thompson and Thomas Yearsley; 1873, William Elliott, N. W. Convers and Luther Turner; 1874, V. J. Case, J. W. Brown and E. McNeal; 1875, E. McNeal, S. McAdow and J. W. Brown; 1876, S. McAdow, M. L. Thompson and B. F. Martin; 1877, J. C. Hull, M. L. Thompson and B. F. Martin; 1878–80, J. C. Hull, S. McAdow and N. C. Welch; 1881–82, T. Hogan, William Elliott and S. L. Laughrey.

Clerks—Joshua Judy, Jr., who served until the spring election when John Wheeler was elected and served by re-election five years in succession; 1855–61, Thomas E. Lockwood; 1862, Z. C. Rose; 1863, G. W. Freeman; 1864–66, John A. Welch; 1867–69, Henry Vigor; 1870–72, J. A. Welch; 1873–82, P. J. Wyeth.

Treasurers—1850–52, James Irwin; 1853, Jesse Barnett; 1854–58, David Danforth; 1859–62, Peleg Cranston; 1863, H. P. Goff; 1864–67, Peleg Cranston; 1868–69, Nathan Yearsley; 1870–76, P. Cranston; 1877–82, W. S. Rogers.

Assessors—1850–51, Richard L. Judy; 1852–53, Samuel Wheeler; 1854, Thomas Yearsley; 1855–56, J. M. Danforth; 1857–58, Jesse H. Welch; 1859, Jesse Welch; 1860–63, William Fulk; 1864–69, John R. Farrington; 1870, J. C. McAdow; 1871–72, Luther Turner; 1873, P. Cranston; 1874, B. Collins; 1875, W. H. Willis; 1876, L. Turner; 1877–78, C. H. Robbins; 1879, L. Turner; 1880–82, W. H. Willis.

Constables—1850, O. H. P. Ward; 1851, John Keaan; 1852, John L. McAdow; 1853, William Scott; 1854, Richard Herd, refused to serve, and Thomas E. Lockwood appointed; 1855, Ira A. Robbins; 1856–57, Richard Herd and Brice Collins; 1858–59, Brice Collins and Franklin Welch; 1860–61, Brice Collins and G. W. Wheeler; 1862, Brice Collins and Benjamin Spillar; 1863, Brice Collins and S. H. Johnson; 1864–65, Benjamin Spillar and Pellatise Safford; 1866, J. M. Dollison and Benjamin Spillar; 1867, David Lamb and John B. Jackson; 1868, David Lamb and Franklin Welch; 1869–70, William Turner and James McNeal; 1871–72, William Turner and John Rowe; 1873, David McGoon and A. Young; 1874, David McGoon and A. Amrine; 1875, A. Rowe and A. Amrine; 1876, J. Converse and J. Green; 1877, F. D. Goswell and D. Magoon; 1878, D. Patrick and C. M. Cary; 1879, D. Patrick and R. H. Branan; 1880, H. Maybee and J. W. Hover; 1881, S. A. Tunks and B. F. Miller; 1882, S. A. Tunks and W. A. McCanney.

Justices of the Peace—1850, Richard L. Judy; 1851, Samuel Wheeler; 1854–62, Z. C. Pooler; 1856–61, J. M. Danforth; 1860, John Fulk; 1863–71, David Sheneman; 1863–71, P. Cranston; 1871, George W. Freeman; 1875–81, Willard Edson; 1874, and served till his death; 1877, S. A. Dennis; 1879, S. B. Hamilton; 1881, Peleg Cranston; 1882, O. W. McAdow; 1882, David Sheneman.

VALUATIONS.

Value of lands of Taylor Township, $411,439; value real estate in cities and towns, $15,475; value chattel property, $152,137; total valuation, $579,051.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

JAMES AMRINE, farmer, P. O. Marysville. The subject of this sketch was born November 29, 1837, in Union County, Ohio. His parents were Josiah and Sarah Amrine, his father a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Guernsey County, Ohio. Our subject was reared on a farm and received an ordinary district school education. On March 11, 1858, he was united in marriage with Matilda A. Wolford, who was born September 3, 1841, in Knox County, Ohio. To them have been born four children, three of whom are now living—Ellen M., born May 28, 1859; Ettie, born January 28, 1862; and Lewis, born March 9, 1874. He engaged in business for himself when twenty years of age, first farmingas a lessee for six years, after which time he bought seventy-five acres of land on which he settled, where he now resides in Taylor Township. He has been successful in business, and for twenty years has, with his wife, been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JAMES S. BALDWIN, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Orange County, Vt., Februruary 9, 1828, and is a son of Ezra and Martha (Peck) Baldwin. Ezra was born in Orange County, Vt., December 2, 1797, and Martha was born in Worcester County, Mass., in November, 1799. They were married in Massachusetts in September, 1820, and emigrated to Ohio in 1846, settling in Delaware County in 1847, and in Union County, in 1861, where they remained until their deaths. He died February 22, 1869, and she January 27, 1870. James was united in marriage March 30, 1851, with Sarah Ann Barber, who was born in Muskingum County September 15, 1831. He has been engaged in teaching school and farming most of his life. He acquired a common school education, and is a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church. He has taken quite an active part in the schools of Taylor Township. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin are the parents of eleven children, of whom ten survive—Lemuel T., born March 19, 1852; James S., born March 17, 1853; Mary A., born September 28, 1854; William L., born December 22, 1856; Frank L., born November 28, 1858; Martha A., born October 28, 1861; Clara J., born March 23, 1866; Dora M., born September 3, 1868; Harvey L., born September 25, 1872, and Charles H., born October 29, 1874.

REUBEN BARNETT, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Clark County, Ohio, June 10, 1829, and is a son of Jesse and Mary Barnett. Mr. Barnett, Sr., was born in Tennessee, and his wife in Pennslyvania. They were married in Ohio. He came to Ohio when sixteen years of age and settled in Clark County, but afterward moved to Union County, Ohio, with his wife, where they remained until their deaths. Mr. Barnett died in October, 1861, and Mrs. Barnett in 1868. Reuben was united in marriage, May 25, 1869, with Eliza V. Jackson, who was born in Union County, Ohio, April 3, 1849. He acquired a common school education, and has been engaged in farming during life, now owning a nice farm containing 155½ acres. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett are the parents of four children, of whom three survive—William E., born March 30, 1870; Asa W., born January 1, 1872, and Nettie B. born June 12, 1875.

ABRAHAM CARVER, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Licking County, Ohio, April 20, 1837, and is a son of James W. and Mary (Livingston) Carver. The former was born in New Jersey, in 1807, and emigrated to Ohio when five years of age, with his parents; his wife born in Ohio, in 1814, and they were married in Licking County, where they remained until their deaths; he died in September, 1879, and she in June of the same year. Abraham was united in marriage, February 15, 1857, with Elizabeth Long, who was born in Licking County, Ohio, in January, 1837. He was twenty years of age, when he engaged in farming as a renter, and thus continued for ten years, when he bought seventy-five acres of land in Licking County. After keeping that for some time, he sold it and purchased 124 acres in Union County, Ohio, where he resides, about one half mile from Broadway. He acquired a common school education in the common schools of Ohio. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Carver are the parents of two children—Edward and Burt.

NEWTON CASE (deceased), was born in Hartford County, Conn., October 18, 1805, and was a son of Martin and Rachel (Moore) Case, who were natives of Connecticut, where they were married They emigrated to Delaware County, Ohio, where they remained until their deaths. Newton was united in marriage, November 3, 1828, with Azubah Gay, who was born in Massachusetts, October 1, 1810. When he was twenty-three years of age, he bought sixty-seven and a half acres of land from his father, and engaged in farming. He continued buying land and farming until, at the time of his death he owned nearly 895 acres, all in a high state of cultivation. He died August 12, 1881. He acquired a common school education, and had filled the office of Township Trustee of Taylor Township. Mr. and Mrs. Case were the parents of nine children, of whom six survive—Lucretia, born July 16, 1829; Electa, born March 30, 1831; Climenia E., born September 3, 1833; Clinton, born April 20, 1835; Rachel, born February 12, 1837; and Velasco J., born June 20, 1841. Mr. and Mrs. Case were members of church, for a great many years, and in the death of Mr. Case Taylor Township lost one of its most valuable citizens.

VELASCO J. CASE, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, June 20. 1840, and is a son of Newton and Azubah Case, whose biographical sketch appears in this work. He was united in marriage October 14, 1861, with Mary Ann Keller, who was born in Virginia September 18, 1843. He has been engaged in farming all his life, and has filled the offices of Township Trustee and School Director. He acquired a very limited education. Mr. and Mrs. Case are the parents of ten children, of whom seven survive—William L., born October 13, 1864; Adella May, born May 7, 1866; Addie V., born March 7, 1868; Newton O., born December 21, 1869; Ida M., born November 6, 1872; Clarence V., born April 7, 1878, and Minnie, born March 9, 1880.

GEORGE CODER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Ross County, Ohio, February 29, 1816, and is a son of Simon and Jane (Gault) Coder. Mr. Coder, Sr., was born in Pennsylvania, and his wife in Virginia. They were married in Ross County, Ohio. He came to Ohio with his parents when a boy, and finally settled in Union County, where he is still living, being now ninety-one years of age; his wife has been dead several years. George was united in marriage October 28, 1840, with Elizabeth Hamilton, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, November 19, 1820. He has been engaged in farming through life, and now owns 185 acres of land, where he resides, which is well improved. He acquired a common school education. Mr. and Mrs. Coder are the parents of five children—Maria J., Simon P., James A., Joanna and Emily. He has also one child that was given him when it was two years old, its mother having died; the name of this one is David McCormick. Mrs. Coder, a very estimable lady, has been a member of the Christian Church thirty-seven years.

PELEG CRANSTON, merchant, Broadway, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, November 16, 1826, and is a son of John B. and Betsey (Lathrop) Cranston, the former a native of Rhode Island, born September 15, 1798, and his wife a native of Connecticut, born June 16, 1802. He emigrated with his father, sister and four brothers to Darby Plains, Ohio, where he resides. He was united in marriage in Ohio, April 22, 1823, to Betsey Lathrop, with whom he lived until March 1, 1879, at which time she passed away from earth. Our subject was united in marriage December 24, 1846, with Mary A. Bland, a native of Virginia, born June 9, 1827. Soon after his marriage he engaged in farming as a renter, and thus continued for four years, when he engaged in the mercantile business for two years, after which he again took up farming. He first bought 128 acres of land in Taylor Township, Union County, and afterward added to it until he had at one time 232 acres. He has since sold until he owns at present 174 acres of land, in a high state of cultivation. He has been engaged in the mercantile business to some extent all his life, and is thus engaged at the present, in Broadway, Ohio, where he keeps a general store, and has a large patronage. He acquired a common school education in the common schools of Ohio, and has filled the office of Treasurer of Taylor Township for twelve years, and is Justice of the Peace at this time and has been for eight years. These offices he has filled with credit to himself and his constituents. He has also been Superintendent of the Union Sabbath School of Broadway, Ohio, for eighteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Cranston are the parents of four children, viz.: French, deceased; Webb, deceased; Walter F., born July 25, 1856, and Inez, deceased. Mrs. Cranston is a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church.

JOHN DIXON deceased, was born in Virginia February 16, 1826, and was a son of John and Sarah (McClure) Dixon, who were both natives of Virginia, where they were married in 1820. He died in the Western country, and she died in Union County, Ohio. Our subject was united in marriage May 28, 1858, with Mary O. Evans, who was born in Delaware May 7, 1833. Mr. Dixon died September 5, 1868. They were the parents of one child—Sarah E., born August 6, 1859. Mr. Dixon acquired a common school education, and was a man loved and respected by all who knew him. Mrs. Dixon, his widow, is still living, and is a member of the Christian Church.

DR. S. S. DRAKE, physician, Broadway, was born in Logan County, Ohio, November 5, 1837, and is a son of Abram and Elizabeth (Cook) Drake. Abram was born on the waters of Yellow Creek, Carroll County, Ohio, September 26, 1805, and Elizabeth, his wife, was born near Pittsburgh, Penn., November 2, 1808. They were married in 1827, moved from Carroll County to Logan County, and then to Union County, Ohio, where they settled and remained until his death, which occurred in 1867; his widow is still living. The Doctor was united in marriage, September 17, 1865, with Lucretia D. Brees, who was born in Liberty Township, Union County, Ohio, August 24, 1844. When twenty-one years of age, he engaged in teaching school, and continued for twelve years, after which he began reading medicine with Dr. Skidmore. After finishing his course of study, he began practicing in Broadway, Ohio, in 1877. He acquired a good common school education, and is a member of the Masonic order at Newton, Ohio. He and his wife are the parents of two children—Harry H., born September 1, 1872, and Tenney P., born March 30, 1877. The Doctor has met with very good success in his practice.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Leesburg Township, Union County, Ohio, August 21, 1838, and is a son of John and Louisa (Woods) Elliott, the former a native of New Jersey. They were married in Union County, Ohio, and after they were married, they moved to Illinois, where they remained twelve years, and then came back to reside in Leesburg Township. William was united in marriage September 30, 1860, with Sarah Jane Mullvane, who was born in Ohio, August 29, 1840. He has thus far in life been engaged in farming, and owns 119½ acres of land. He has been Trustee of Taylor Township four terms, and is a member of the Board of Trustees at the present. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are the parents of eleven children, viz.: Josephine, Lewis, Marshall, Laura R., Devah J., Wesley, Ulysses, Arthur, William, Maliefie and Sylvester.

JOSEPH EVANS (deceased). Our subject was born in Chester County, Penn., February 28, 1801, and was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Evans. Mr. Evans, Sr., was born in Pennsylvania April 12, 1761, and his wife was born in Pennsylvania November 3, 1768. They were married in Pennsylvania, where they remained until their death. Joseph was united in marriage, May 17, 1832, with Margaret Harlan, who was born in Pennsylvania March 3, 1811. He was engaged in farming most of his life in Union County, Ohio, and at his death owned 176 acres of land in Taylor Township, this county. He died April 29, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Evans were the parents of eight children, six of whom are living—Mary O., Thomas L., Joseph P., Elizabeth M., Sarah A. and Joshua.

TRUXTON FORD, farmer, P O. Broadway, one of Taylor Township's old pioneers, was born in Ohio March 3, 1805, and is a son of Chauncey and Mary Ford; the former was born in Connecticut. They were married in Ohio in 1804, and remained there until their death. Our subject was united in marriage in 1828 with Miss Roanna Broage, who was born in Virginia, in July, 1803, and died September 10, 1859. He remained a widower until November, 1861, when he was united in marriage with Martha Maskill, who was born in England June 30, 1812. When twenty-eight years of age, he engaged in farming for himself, and has thus continued ever since, he owning at this time 151 acres of land in Taylor Township. Mr. and Mrs. Ford have been blessed with six children, of whom five survive—Sylvester, Amanda, Henry C., William H. and Minerva M. Mr. Ford has filled the office of Township Trustee for several years.

H. C. FORD, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Licking County, Ohio, April 15, 1837, and is a son of Truxton and Roanna Ford. He was united in marriage November 19, 1870, with Delila Snider, who was born in Virginia, June 1, 1843. He has been engaged in farming most of his life and now owns 104½ acres of land, where he resides, which is in a high state of cultivation. He acquired a very limited education. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are the parents of one child, viz., Ida N., born January 31, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are an enterprising and industrious couple.

SYLVESTER FORD, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Licking County, Ohio, June 12, 1832, and is a son of Truxton and Roanna Ford. Sylvester was united in marriage July 30, 1856, with Minerva Ford, who was born in Perry County, Ohio, April 10, 1838; soon after their marriage he engaged in farming for himself, a business he has followed all his life. He now owns 161 acres of land in a high state of cultivation. He acquired a common school education in the common schools of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are the parents of five children, of whom four survive, viz.: Amanda, born April 26, 1857; Flora L., born April 17, 1861; Ollie R., born June 10, 1863; and Truxton C., born November 18, 1865; Warren (deceased), was born January 2, 1859, and died October 25, 1872. Mrs. Ford has been a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church for ten years.

W. H. FORD, farmer, P. O. Claibourne, was born in Licking County, Ohio, August 4, 1840, and is a son of Truxton and Roanna Ford. W. H. Ford was united in marriage, November 16, 1861, with Emily Hedges, who was born in Virginia November 24, 1843. When twenty-one years of age, he engaged in farming for himself as a renter, and thus continued until about 1879, when he bought 123½ acres of land, where he now resides, which he has since that time farmed. He acquired a common school education. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are the parents of nine children, of whom seven survive, viz.: William E., born May 12, 1863; Finley S., born October 25, 1864; John H., born October 2, 1866; Stephen B., born November 10, 1868; Charlie A., born December 22, 1870; Laura E., born July 31, 1878, and Minnie W., born October 13, 1880.

LORY FORD, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, November 3, 1811, and is a son of Chauncey and Mary Ford. The former was born in Connecticut in 1780, and was sixteen years as age when he came to Ohio. They were married in 1804, and remained in Ohio until their death, he in 1847, and she in 1852. They were engaged in farming through life. Our subject was united in marriage, January 16, 1836, with Hester Ann Miller, who was born in Ohio, above Wheeling, in 1813. When twenty-one years of age, he engaged in farming for himself as a renter, and thus continued for ten years, when he bought 270 acres of land where he now resides, of which he has since sold 124 acres, leaving 146 acres of land in a high state of cultivation. He has been engaged in farming all his life. He acquired a common school education, and has been a member of the Masonic order for nearly forty years, and he filled the office of Township Trustee of Taylor Township for fourteen years. His wife died June 24, 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Ford were the parents of ten children, of whom eight survive—Philarna, Clarissa, Minerva, Mary Elizabeth, Frank, Jennie, Lory C. and Hiram J. Mrs. Ford was a member of the Lutheran Church for a great many years, and Mr. Ford is still a member of the church, and resides on the old home farm.

G. W. FREEMAN, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, June 22, 1828, and is a son of Solomon and Abigail Freeman. The former was born in Massachusetts on March 12, 1789, and his wife was born in New Hampshire October 17, 1793. They were married ten miles south of Batavia, N. Y., in 1811. They first emigrated to Pennsylvania and then to Ohio, and after living in several different localities of Ohio, they finally moved to Union County where they settled and remained until their deaths. He died in September, 1863, and she died January 24, 1881. Our subject was united in marriage December 29. 1853, with Arminda McCracken, who was born in Morrow County, Ohio, October 25, 1833. He has been engaged in farming through life and now owns nearly 220 acres of land in Taylor Township, where he resides. He acquired a common school education, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge. He has filled the office of Clerk and Justice of the Peace in Taylor Township. He was married twice, his second wife being Susan McCracken, a sister of his first wife, whom he married October, 1863; she was born February 20, 1836. He is the father of seven children, of whom five survive, three by his first wife and four by the second—Emmett I., Ida L., Elmer J., Louella E. and Elma A. Mr. Freeman is a good and substantial citizen, and well respected in the community in which he lives.

ISAAC F. GATES, merchant, Broadway, was born in Washington County, Ohio, September 7, 1834, and is a son of Seth and Philena Gates. Mr. Gates was born in Washington County, Ohio, May 2, 1812, and his wife was born in Maine in 1814. They were united in marriage in 1833 and emigrated to Union County, Ohio, where they now reside. Isaac was united in marriage with Rachel Kendall, March 22, 1866; she is a native of Licking County, Ohio, born May 13, 1845. When he was twenty years of age, he began carpentering and continued until 1865, when he engaged in the mercantile business in Broadway, Ohio, and has been thus engaged ever since, with the exceptions of six years, during which he was farming. He owns property in Broadway, where he resides and at the present has a general store, such as is kept in all country towns, with a good patronage. He acquired a common school education, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Gates are the parents of six children, of whom five survive, viz.: Carrie, born January 5, 1867; Watt, born September 9, 1868; Kelley, born August 24, 1871; Lonnis, born April 16, 1874; and Tellie, born April 22, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Gates are members of the Methodist Church, and have been for a number of years.

BENJAMIN P. GLASCO, farmer, P. O. Broadway. The subject of this sketch was born in Virginia March 26, 1819. His parents were natives of Virginia. He was reared to man's estate on a farm, and received but a common school education. On October 7, 1841, was celebrated his wedding, he leading to the marriage altar Miss Lida Turner, who was born in September, 1819, in Ohio. To them have been born seven children, of whom four are now living—Mary J., Anna L., Sarah E. and Susan M. He has been successful in business during life. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; contributes liberally to all worthy enterprises. He is the owner of 300 acres of fine, tillable land where he resides, in the western portion of Taylor Township.

HARVEY P. GOFF, retired farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Vermont July 25, 1814 and is a son of Samuel and Betsy (Peck) Goff, who were both natives of Massachusetts, the former born January 23, 1786, and the latter June 25, 1790. They were married September 15, 1811, in Massachusetts, and came to Ohio in 1834, first settling in Licking County and next in, Union County, where they remained until their deaths, he March 2, 1868, and she March 7, 1868. Our subject was united in marriage, January 1, 1840, with Adaline D. Castle, who is a native of Vermont, born February 12, 1816. They were married in Licking County, Ohio; migrated to Union County and settled in Taylor Township, where they now reside. He has been engaged in farming most of his life; was the first farmer in the township to use drain tile, and owns at this time near 315 acres of land. He has been a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church for forty-eight years; his wife was a member of the Regular Baptist Church for twenty-five years, and until nineteen years ago, when she connected herself with the church of her husband. Mr. Goff has filled the office of Township Treasurer, and for one year he was Postmaster, before Broadway was in existence, when the post office called Broadway Centre was at his house. He has had four children, the only survivor of whom is William H. He was born January 28, 1848, and on August 16, 1870, married Miss S. J. Watson, who was born in Knox County, Ohio, July 1, 1852, and by whom he has had five children, viz.: Alice M., born June 28, 1871; Loren B., born March 24, 1873; Lydia O., born August 14, 1875; Oscar, deceased; and Bertha S., born June 9, 1881. He is engaged in the saw mill business, and owns a large tract of land. He and his wife are members of the Free-Will Baptist Church a Broadway, Ohio.

JOHN HAMILTON, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Ross County, Ohio, December 8, 1818, and is a son of James and Maria Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1792, and his wife was born in Virginia in 1799. They were married in Ross County, Ohio, in 1817. He came with his parents to Ohio when he was only two years of age, first to Ross County and next to Union County, where he remained until his death, which occurred September 18, 1872. Mrs. Hamilton is still living. John was united in marriage with Catharine Coder, who was a native of Ross County, Ohio, and after her death he married Lucy Griffin, also a native of Ross County, born November 30, 1828. He acquired a common school education, and has devoted the most of his life to farming. He is the father of ten children, of whom six survive, viz., Deborah, Serena Alice, Sophronia, Daniel B., Eunice and David D. Mr. Hamilton has been very successful through life, and now resides on his farm, consisting of 112 acres of land in a high state of cultivation. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

JAMES HAMILTON, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Ross County, Ohio, November 6, 1827, and is a son of James and Maria Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton, Sr., was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1792, and his wife was born in Virginia August 7, 1799. They were married in Ross County, Ohio, in 1817. He came to Ohio with his parents when he was only two years of age, first to Ross County and then to Union County, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1872. Mrs. Hamilton is still living. James was united in marriage, September 15, 1853, with Elizabeth Graham, who was born in Union County in 1831. He has been engaged in farming since he was twenty years of age, and now owns 121 acres of good land where he resides. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are the parents of eight children, seven of whom are living—Samuel, Alpheus, James W., Frank N., Silas A., Otway and Guy. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

JAMES HILDRETH, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Adams County, Ohio, January 26, 1819, and is a son of Samuel and Fidelia (Stockwell) Hildreth. Samuel was born in Massachusetts, and Fidelia in New York. They were married in New York, and then came to Ohio and settled Adams County, going from there to Licking County, and three years later to Knox County, Ohio, where they remained until their death, he in 1865, and she in 1856. James was united in marriage, August 1, 1840, with Matilda Taff, who died July 3, 1847. He remained a widower until December 19, 1847, when he was again united in marriage with Elizabeth L. Martin, who was born in Knox County, Ohio, January 24, 1819. He engaged in farming for himself when twenty-three years of age, and has so continued through life. When he first came to Union County, Ohio, he bought 100 acres of land, where he resides, to which he has since added five acres. Mr. Hildreth is the father of eight children, four by his first wife and four by the last, of whom one of the first survive, and two of the last, viz.: Elizabeth, Fidelia and Harriet. Mr. Hildreth has been one of our old, substantial citizens, and is respected by all who know him.

SOLOMON JAMES, farmer, P. O. Broadway. The subject of this sketch was born in North Carolina, February 22, 1816, and was united in marriage October 6, 1853, with Jennette Gomst She was born in Augusta County, Va., August 18, 1830. They came to Ohio, where he bough fifty acres of land where he resides. He has since sold two acres and has left forty-eight acres of fine land, in a good location. Mr. and Mrs. James are the parents of two children—George W. and Benjamin F. Mr. James and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, and have been for near thirty years.

WILLIAM JOLLIFF, Jr., farmer, P. O. Claibourne, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, March 29, 1842, and is a son of Peter and Susan (Snyder) Jolliff; Peter was a native of Pennsylvania; his wife was born in Maryland, and they were united in marriage in Ohio. He and his wife emigrated to Ohio when young, and have resided here ever since. William was united in marriage December 25, 1862, with Charlotte Pearce, who was born in Union County, Ohio, November 20, 1841. He has been engaged in farming through life, and now owns 180 acres of splendid land. He acquired a common school education in the common schools of Ohio. His wife is a member of the Methodist Church.

GEORGE W. JOLLIFF, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, March 23, 1847, and is a son of Peter and Susan (Snyder) Jolliff. Peter was born in Pennsylvania July 15, 1819; his wife was born in Maryland January 15, 1822, and they were united in marriage in Ohio in 1839. They emigrated to Ohio when young, and have remained there all their lives. George was united in marriage February 2, 1868, with Isabella Maskill, who was born in Union County, Ohio, June 6, 1853. He has been engaged in farming all his life, and owns at the present 113 acres of land, well improved, where he resides. Mr. and Mrs. Jolliff are the parents of four children—Perry A., Ada M., Wilbert H. and Chauncey H.

DAVID KELLER (deceased) was born in Virginia October 30, 1814, and was a son of Jacob and Catherine (Ewing) Keller, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of England. They were married in Virginia, and emigrated to Ohio, where they remained until their deaths, he in 1870 and she January 27, 1850. David was united in marriage September 8, 1842, with Ruth Ann Seal, who was born in Pennsylvania, on the banks of the Brandywine, February 14, 1824. Mr. Keller was engaged in farming during life, and his widow resides on the home farm, consisting of 100 acres of land. He acquired a common school education, and was a member of the Methodist Church. He died May 17, 1860. Mr. and Mrs. Keller were the parents of four children—Mary Ann, Jacob W., Isaac N. and Lida J. Mr. Keller, in his life-time, was a very reliable citizen, upright in his deportment, and well worthy the imitation of others.

JESSE LAUGHREY, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born March 29, 1834, in Licking County, Ohio. His parents were Edward and Elizabeth Laughrey, natives of Pennsylvania. The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood on a farm, and received but a limited education. On January 28, 1858, he married Frances A. Miller, who was born September 13, 1836, in Maryland. This union has been blessed with six children—Mary E., born October 23, 1858; John M., born February 21, 1860; Harriett M., born July 27, 1862; Ellen R., born October 3, 1865; Spencer A., January 4, 1872; Eva L., January 4, 1875. When twenty years old, he engaged in business for bimself, having first leased a farm for four years. He made his first purchase of fifty-seven acres of land, and being successful in business transactions, found it convenient to purchase twenty-three acres in addition to the first, and finally made his third purchase of forty acres, making a total of 120 acres.

ELISHA LISTEN (deceased). The subject of this sketch was a resident of Taylor Township, Union Co., Ohio, and was born in 1831. He was a son of Jacob and Lethia Listen. He was united in marriage with Maria Sevrens, who was born in Adams County, Ohio, January 9, 1836. He was engaged in farming during life, and was killed in the last battle of the rebellion.

Mr. and Mrs. Listen were the parents of four children, of whom two survive—James, born March 24, 1857, and Martha Jane, born March 3, 1862. James was united in marriage September 25, 1881, with Martha Davis, who was born in York Center January 19, 1862. After the death of his father, James began the management of the farm, and has thus been engaged ever since.

GEORGE W. MACHLING, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., March 26, 1833, and is a son of Phillip and Barbara Machling, who were natives of Pennsylvania. Phillip was born January 1, 1795, and his wife was born January 1, 1796. They were married in Pennsylvania in 1816; emigrated to Ohio and settled. He died in Union County November 4, 1868, and she is still living. George has been engaged in farming since he was twenty-three years of age. He owns 181 acres of nice land, well improved. He acquired a common school education, and was united in marriage, March 26, 1853, with Lucinda Abbot, who was born in Licking County, Ohio, December 5, 1835. To this union have been born seven children, of whom four survive, viz.: Frank M., Sophia, Alice and Josiah.

SAMUEL McADOW, farmer, P. O. Marysville. The subject of this sketch was born in Harrison County, Ohio, May 2, 1833. His parents were John McAdow, born in 1796, and Rebecca McAdow, born in 1795. His father was a farmer and carpenter, and died March 11, 1877. His mother was a native of Pennsylvania and died in 1869. Samuel was married July 18, 1853, to Miss Adaline Wolf, who was born May 18, 1835, in Pennsylvania; they are the parents of eight children, six of whom are now living, viz.: William H., born July 5, 1854; Jasper, born September 2, 1855; Orlando, born May 30, 1857; Alice L., born September 11, 1867; Hugh, born September 13, 1870; Nye, born October 26, 1873. Samuel has, for perhaps ten years followed the carpentering business, but at the present he is engaged in farming and stock dealing. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for sixteen years, and his wife, an estimable lady, is also a member. For sixteen years, Mr. McAdow has served as Trustee of Taylor Township, and for five years as School Director. He is the owner of about 220 acres of land.

HENRY F. McCAMEY, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Licking County, Ohio, November 9, 1856, and is a son of John G. and Mary Elizabeth McCamey. John was born near Zanesville, Ohio, in 1808, and his wife was born in Maryland, and died December 3, 1872. He finally settled in Union County, where he still resides. Henry was united in marriage, November 9, 1881, with Clara A. Gleason, who was born in Licking County, Ohio, in August, 1856. He is engaged in farming and owns twenty-five acres of land. He acquired a common school education. Mr. and Mrs. McCamey are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JONATHAN MOORE (deceased) was born in Ohio January 4, 1829, and was a son of Hugh and Elizabeth (Lonx) Moore, who were both natives of Virginia. They emigrated to Ohio, were married and remained in Ohio until their death. Jonathan was united in marriage, January 27, 1853, with Mary Ann Scott, who was born in Knox County, Ohio, June 10, 1835. At seventeen years of age, he began working by the month, and thus continued for three years, when he bought land, and at the time of his death he owned 453 acres in a high state of cultivation. His death occurred June 7, 1878. His widow still lives on the old home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were the parents of three children—George W., born September 4, 1854; Hugh E., born March 12, 1856, and Dolph H., born January 12, 1865.

GEORGE W. MOORE, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Taylor Township, Union County, Ohio September 4, 1854, and is a son of Jonathan (deceased) and Mary Ann (Scott) Moore. Jonathan was born in Ohio January 4. 1829, and his wife was born in Knox County, Ohio, June 10, 1835. They first settled in Union County, Ohio, remaining there for a time, and then moved to Warren County, but not being satisfied there, he moved back to Union County, where he remained until his death, which occurred June 7, 1878. His widow is still living in Taylor Township. Our subject was united in marriage, November 18, 1879, with Maggie J. Snow, who was born in Indiana November 19, 1857. When twenty-four years of age he engaged in farming on the land left him by his father. He has since purchased a tract of land and now owns 155 acres. He acquired a common school education. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are the parents of one child—Adolphus H., born January 25, 1881. Mr. Moore is a very industrious and enterprising young farmer.

JACOB P. NORRIS, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Union County, Ohio, March 26, 1846, and is a son of J. B. and Rebecca Norris. Mr. Norris, Sr., was born in Canada, and Mrs. Norris in Pennsylvania; emigrated to Ohio with his parents; they were married in Union County, Ohio, and still reside there. Jacob P. was united in marriage, September 24, 1867, with Rebecca Harbert, who was born in Union County, Ohio, February 3, 1849. He has been engaged in farming most of his life. He acquired a common school education, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Norris are the parents of seven children, of whom six survive—Carrie, Hattie, William J., Birdie, Egbert and Frank B.

WINFIELD S. ROGERS, farmer and stock-dealer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Licking County, Ohio, May 18, 1848, and is a son of John C. and Nancy C. Rogers. John C. was born in Licking County, Ohio, April 6, 1818, and his wife was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, November 24, 1822. They were united in marriage in Fairfield County, Ohio, November 20, 1840, and settled in Union County, Ohio, where they now reside. He is a carpenter by trade, but has been engaged in farming for the last twenty years. Winfield S. was united in marriage, December 9, 1869, with Mary L. Thompson; she was born in Union County, Ohio, December 7, 1848. Our subject has been engaged in farming and trading in stock and grain ever since he was twenty-one years of age. He is in partnership with his brother-in-law, Robert W. Thompson, of Broadway, Ohio, who is a first-class citizen and gentleman. Mr. Rogers owns at present 350 acres of land in a high state of cultivation. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, and is filling the office of Treasurer of Taylor Township. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were the parents of five children, of whom four survive, viz.: James L., born July 5, 1871; John C., born September 7, 1876; William H., born November 9, 1878, and Victor W., born December 11, 1881. The deceased is Nancy R., born May 11, 1873, and died December 26, 1876. Mr. Rogers is a live business man and ever ready to accommodate all.

ABRAHAM SAGER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Virginia August 20, 1826, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Cook) Sager, who were natives of Virginia. They were married in Virginia in 1825, and emigrated to Franklin County, Ohio, where they remained until his death, which occurred in 1830. Mrs. Sager is yet living, and has been married twice since, and is a widow again. Abraham was united in marriage, January 12, 1854, with Mary Ann Grabs, who was born in Franklin County, Ohio, September 7, 1833. He has been engaged in farming through life. He acquired a common school education, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. society. Mr. and Mrs. Sager are the parents of four children—Lawrence E., Charlie F., Thomas M. and John Wesley. Mr. and Mrs. Sager have been members of the Methodist Church a great many years.

D. D. SHEARER, saw mill, Broadway, was born in Pennsylvania May 3, 1815, and is a son of Solomon and Barbara A. Shearer, who were natives of Pennsylvania, where they were married. They emigrated to Greene County, Ohio, and to Indiana, where they remained until their deaths, he in May, 1860, and she in June, 1871. D. D. Shearer was united in marriage October 20, 1842, with Jane Dungle, who was born in Pennsylvania and died in Ohio. He remained a widower until April 11, 1846, when he was united in marriage with Margaret Finnisfrock, who was a native of Pennsylvania, born March 26, 1818. He has been engaged in the milling business all his life. He acquired a limited education, and he and his wife have been members of the Methodist Church for a number of years. Mr. Shearer is the father of seven children, one by his first wife and six by his last wife, and of the seven only three survive—Orismus S., born January 31, 1847; Winfield S., born December 21, 1849; and Armenia Belle, born May 16, 1854. Orismus, the oldest son, was united in marriage, December 25, 1870, with Mary E. Wyeth, who was born in Franklin County, Ohio, July 12, 1853. They are the parents of three children—Minnie O., Daniel P. and Clarence O.

DAVID SHENEMAN, blacksmith, P. O. Marysville, was born in Ohio June 13, 1824, and is a son of Henry and Julia Sheneman, who were natives of Pennsylvania. They were married in Ohio in 1809. He came to Ohio in 1806, and died in Miami County, Ind., in March, 1865; she died in Holmes County, Ohio, October 16, 1843. David was united in marriage, April 14, 1852, with Elizabeth Machling, who was born in Pennsylvania March 7, 1830. He has been engaged in blacksmithing ever since he was twenty-three years of age. He owns a nice little home, consisting of thirty acres, where he resides. He has filled the office of Justice of the Peace and Trustee of Taylor Township. Mr. and Mrs. Sheneman are the parents of five children—Emanuel M., Barbara E., William H., and twins, Eveline and Angeline. Mr. and Mrs. Sheneman have been members of the Christian Church for many years.

JOHN SHIRK, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Union County, Ohio, May 21, 1827, and is a son of Adam and Anna (Dix) Shirk. His parents were natives of Virginia. Mr. Shirk, Sr., was born in 1793, and his wife was born in 1798. They were married in Virginia, and came to Union County, Ohio, about 1825, where they remained until their deaths, he in August, 1877, and she in April, 1859. John was united in marriage, December 24, 1859, with Sarah Safford, who was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, April 28, 1835. He has been engaged in farming, and owns at the present time 200 acres of land in a splendid neighborhood. He acquired a limited education. Mr. and Mrs. Shirk are the parents of eight children, seven of whom are living—Elmer E., Adam W., Daniel H., Myrtle C., Sarah E., Maggie M. and Minnie F. Mr. and Mrs. Shirk are members of the Christian Church.

THOMAS J. SIMPSON, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Taylor Township, Union County, Ohio, July 8, 1850, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret Simpson. Joseph was born in England and came to Virginia when nine years of age, and afterward to Ohio, where he settled in Delaware County. He finally pressed forward to Union County, where he remained until his death, which occurred March 20, 1869. Margaret, his first wife, died in Union County, Ohio. He was next united in marriage with Jane Grest, of Delaware County, Ohio, who is still living and at the present time is in Columbus, Ohio. Thomas J. was united in marriage, August 11, 1873, with Mary E. Martin, a native of Iowa. He engaged in working by the month when eighteen years of age, and thus continued for twelve years, when he bought thirty-five acres of land where he now resides. He acquired a common school education. Mr. and

Mrs. Simpson are the parents of five children, of whom four survive, viz.: Ida V., George A., Hannah R. and an infant.

GEORGE SNYDER, farmer, P. O. Claibourne, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, April 22, 1827, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Hinkle) Snyder. Jacob was born in Maryland in 1801, and his wife was born in Pennsylvania. They were married in Pennsylvania; he and his family came to Ohio, first to Columbiana County, next to Holmes County, and lastly to Union County in 1855, where they remained until their death. He died in July, 1861, and she in 1872. George was united in marriage August 12, 1849; his wife, Elsie Snyder, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1826, and died April 11, 1851. He was united in marriage the second time, March 1, 1853, with Eliza Grim, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1825. He has been engaged in farming most of his life, and now owns 55½ acres of land. He acquired a common school education in his youth. He is the father of four children, of whom one survives—John A. Mr. Snyder is a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church, and his first and last wives were both members of the church.

J. B. TAYLOR, physician, Broadway, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, December 6, 1847, and is a son of Elam and Mary Ann (Glaze) Taylor, the former a native of Delaware County, Ohio, born January 24, 1815, and the latter a native of Franklin County, Penn., born April 1, 1814; she was a faithful wife and a good mother, and passed away from earth December 12, 1850. After remaining single for quite awhile, he was again united in marriage with a widow lady. Mr. Taylor is a man of considerable local influence, and has been filling the office of Justice of the Peace for many years with credit. He and his wife reside at Norton, Ohio. Our subject was but four years of age when his mother died; his father then broke up housekeeping, and he was then thrown out upon the charities of the world to battle for himself. He lived with several families until he was eleven years of age, when he went to work with a family for his board and clothes; he remained four years, when he ran off from them. He enlisted in the army in Company G, Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and after coming out of the army lived with his father, and attended school one winter. He next engaged to work for J. A. Schaaf, at $6 per month, and while working there, attended school in the winter. He passed through a great many privations and hardships, and when he began to read medicine had no money with which to pay his tuition, so he did office work to pay for his education. He began the practice at Green Camp, Marion County, Ohio, and from there came to Broadway, Ohio, where he has a very good practice. He graduated in medicine March 3, 1881. He was united in marriage February 28, 1882, with Emma Wolford, a native of Green Camp, Marion County, Ohio. The Doctor is really a self-made man.

LUTHER TURNER, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Clark County, Ohio, February 20, 1828, and is a son of John and Leah Turner, the former was born in Maryland, in 1800, and his wife was born in Pennsylvania. They were married in Clark County, Ohio, where he first settled when he came to Ohio. He afterward came to Union County, Ohio, where he remained until his death, which occurred June 9, 1879; his wife died October 10, 1862. Luther was united in marriage, January 15, 1860, with Deborah Hamilton, who was born in Taylor Township, Union County, Ohio, December 19, 1840. He first learned the blacksmith trade, and after working at the trade eight years, he engaged in farming, and has thus continued through life, at this time owning 116 acres of land. He acquired a common school education, and has been a member of the Masonic order for twenty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are the parents of four children, of whom three survive, viz.: Nettie, Sarah A. and Carrie. Mrs. Turner is a member of the Christian Church.

J. S. VANATTA, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in New Jersey October 7, 1827, and is a son of Elias and Nancy Vanatta, who were both natives of New Jersey, the former born in March, 1808. Our subject was very young when his mother died, and after her death his father was again united in marriage with Elizabeth Huffman, who was a native of New Jersey. They are both living. Our subject was united in marriage, April 15, 1869, with Dianthia Rosencrantz, who died December 27, 1878. He was next united in marriage with Jane E. Atherton, who was born in Licking County August 26, 1838. They were married October 27, 1880. He has been engaged in farming through life, and now owns 110½ acres of land, with splendid improvements. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church.

M. M. WARNER, farmer and carpenter, P. O. Claibourne, was born in Maryland March 4, 1810, and is a son of John and Clarissa Warner. John was born in Pennsylvania February 11, 1776, and his wife was born in Maryland March 16, 1786. They were married in Frederick County, Md., December 25, 1801, and emigrated to Ohio, where they remained until their deaths, he December 5, 1841, and she June 10, 1877. M. M. Warner was united in marriage, April 15, 1838, with Eliza Coalhaze, who was born in Maryland October 5, 1818, and died January 28, 1880. When twenty-one years of age, he learned the carpenter trade, and followed that trade for nearly forty years, when he engaged in farming, and has followed that ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Warner were the parents of nine children, of whom eight survive, viz.: John B., George M., Jennie C., Clarissa E., Henry M., Josephine C., Orval J. and Ellen S. Mr. Warner acquired a good common school education in his youth. His wife was a member of the Methodist Church.

J. J. WATTS, merchant, Broadway. The subject of this sketch, a very enterprising young business man, was born in Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, November 25, 1847, and is a son of Hiram and Sarah J. (Goldsmith) Watts, both natives of Ohio. Mr. Watts was born December 28, 1822, and Mrs. Watts July 15, 1823. Mr. J. J. Watts when nineteen years of age engaged in the mercantile business as clerk for J. S. Winters, and thus he continued for three years. He next engaged with Isaac F. Gates, with whom he continued three months. Then he went to York Center, where he and Mr. Storms engaged in keeping groceries under the firm name of Watts & Storms, and continued in partnership one year. He next engaged as traveling salesman for McCreay, Barnes & Donnelly, of Cincinnati, Ohio, for one year; after which he came back to Broadway, Ohio, and engaged in farming for a short time. He next was agent for the grain warehouse, of Broadway, Ohio, and was at one time in partnership with his brother, C. D. Watts, in the grocery business, with whom he dissolved partnership November 11, 1878, since which time he has been engaged in a general store at Broadway, Ohio. In connection with his store he has been engaged in buying and shipping wool to the East each year for four years. He has been married twice. He was united in marriage the first time with Orpha K. Safford, September 9, 1870; she was born in Union County, Ohio, August 5, 1850, and died July 4, 1873. He remained a widower until June 4, 1874, when he was united in marriage with Mary M. Yearsly, who was born in Union County, Ohio, March 24, 1846. He is the father of three children, two by his first wife, and one by his second—Maud A., born August 6, 1871; Lenny H., born October 13, 1872; and Sewell G., born November 8, 1875. Mr. Watts acquired a common school education, and has been a member of the Masonic order nine years.

C. D. WATTS, druggist, Broadway, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, August 2, 1854, and is a son of Hiram and Sarah (Goldsmith) Watts. Our subject was united in marriage September 19, 1880, with C. J. Burkam, a native of Virginia, born April 25, 1861. When he was nineteen years of age he engaged in mercantile business with his brother J. J. Watts. They were in partnership about four years, and then dissolved; after which he engaged in the drug business in Broadway, Ohio, where he has at present a No. 1 stock of new drugs, and a good town and country patronage. He acquired a common school education. His wife is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

JOHN A. WELCH, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Vermont September 8, 1819, and is a son of Rebe and Lida (Parker) Welch, who were natives of Vermont, the former born March 12, 1797, and the latter September 2, 1802. He emigrated to Licking County, Ohio, in 1836, and afterward came to Union County, where he remained until his death, which occurred June 10, 1869. His widow is still living. John, when twenty-one years of age, engaged in teaching school and farming. He taught twenty-four terms and after that devoted his time to farming exclusively. He owns ninety-three acres of land at this time which is in a high state of cultivation. He was united in mrrriage, November 3, 1844, with Louise Welch, who was a native of Vermont, born October 17, 1824. To this union have been born eight children, viz.: Christina, Clarissa, Edwin F., Ira M., Lydia, Belindia, Nathaniel F. and George W. Mr. Welch has filled the office of Trustee, Clerk and Assessor of Taylor Township, with credit to himself and his constituents. He and his wife are members of the Free-Will Baptist Church.

HENRY WILLIS, farmer, P. O. Broadway, was born in Adams County, Ohio, September 27, 1818, and is a son of Joseph and Ellen Willis. Joseph Willis was born in London, England, in 1797, and his wife in Adams County, Ohio, in 1794. They were married in Adams County in 1814. He emigrated from England to Ohio in 1814, first to Adams County, then to Fayette County, where they remained until their deaths, he in 1872, and she in 1882. Henry was united in marriage May 25, 1837, with Barbara B. Sanderson, who was born in Fayette County, Ohio, July 5, 1815. He has been engaged in farming most of his life and owns at the present time 250 acres of fine land near Broadway. He has lived in Fayette, Clinton and Union Counties. He acquired a common school education. Mr. and Mrs. Willis are the parents of nine children, of whom six survive—Samuel, William H., Cynthia J., Joseph, Ramith H. and Richard B.

THOMAS YEARSLEY, farmer, P. O. Broadway. Our subject is one of the oldest settlers of Taylor Township, Union County, Ohio. He was born in Chester County, Penn., December 23, 1819, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah Yearsley. Thomas, the father of our subject, was born in Chester County, Penn., August 23, 1790, and Sarah, his first wife, was born in the same place, October 9, 1789. She died in Chester County March 17, 1834, and he remained a widower until January 6, 1836, when he was united in marriage with Mary Hawley. He removed with his wife and three of the youngest children, to Union County, Ohio, in 1853, and on the 28th day of June, 1854, he died, being in his sixty-fourth year; his second wife died on the 18th day of July, 1870. Our subject came to Union County, Ohio, in 1849, and settled where he now resides. He was united in marriage October 18, 1860, with Sarah Green, a native of New York, born August 3, 1833. He first engaged in teaching school, next in clerking in a store, and lastly, in farming. He is still engaged in the latter, and owns, at this time, 176 acres of land in a high state of cultivation. He acquired a common school education, and has filled the office of Township Trustee of Taylor Township. His wife is a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church; she was formerly a member of the Christian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Yearsley are the parents of seven children, of whom six survive—Albin, Joseph, Ada, Burton, Mary and Emma.

MRS. CLIMENIA E. YONKIN, Postmistress, Broadway. The subject of this sketch is a widow, residing in Broadway, Ohio, who was born in Delaware County, Ohio, September 3, 1833, and is a daughter of Newton and Azubah Case, whose sketch appears in this work. Mrs. Yonkin was united in marriage, October 21, 1855, with William Yonkin, who was engaged in farming. She is the mother of four children, of whom one survives—Jessie B., born July 6, 1860; the deceased are James P., born June 19, 1856, and died October 14, 1861; Francis I., born March 18, 1858, and died April 4, 1859, and Clara E., born February 27, 1863, and died March 31, 1880. Mrs. Yonkin is filling the position of Postmistress of Broadway, Ohio, where she owns property. She has been a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church for twenty years, and is much respected by all her acquaintance.

ALPHONZO YOUNG, farmer, P. O. Marysville, was born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, March 7, 1837, and is a son of Seth and Abigail Young. Mr. Young, Sr., was born in Connecticut, and his wife was born in Ashtabula County, Ohio; they were married in Ohio, to which State he emigrated when nineteen years of age. Alphonzo was united in marriage, November 15, 1860, with Martha E. Newlove, who was born in Clark County, Ohio, November 26, 1835. He has been engaged in farming and teaching school most of his life, and now owns fifty acres of land, where he resides. He acquired a common school education, and is a member of the I. O. O F. fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Young are the parents of five children—John N., Mary Anna, Ansil, Capitola and Mattie.

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